Recognized Authority on Connellsville Coke Trade.

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## Prices and Prospects.

### SECOND HALF COKE CONTRACTS REMAIN FAST DEADLOCKED

**Merchant Operators Standing Pat for $2.50; Other Offers Withdrawn.**

### WILL RESTRICT PRODUCTION

**Producers Will Thus Avoid Depressing Effects of Surplus Coke Stock and Show Furnacemen a Good Example. A Better Outlook for Pig Iron.**

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PITTSBURG, June 18.—The deadlock on second half furnace coke contracts is still more pronounced. Recent offers, mentioned in last report, to sell at $2.25 have been withdrawn. There does not appear to be any active inquiry in the market. The asking price is $2.50.

Furnaces still hold to the view that they ought to secure coke at $2 or less, so that buyers and sellers are very far apart. Neither side shows any anxiety, as each feels that it has cards yet to play. The consumers hold that they can readily buy in the prompt market and thus beat the contract price, since the top of the prompt market for many weeks has been $2.25 and it has usually been possible to shade this by 5 to 15 cents. The operators, on the other hand, are understood to intend pursuing the policy of blowing out ovens in proportion to the contracts they hold which will expire June 30. If they follow this policy an immediate strengthening in the market would necessarily result, as no added production would be thrown into the prompt market while on the other hand the furnaces whose contracts had expired would add a large prompt demand. The outcome of the present deadlock clearly hinges entirely upon whether production is really curtailed to the contract requirements.

The prompt market has proved just a shade easier in the past week as the limited demand developed has been satisfied at about $2.10, against $2.15 done formerly. There has been a slight decline in foundry coke. There is some available on contract at $2.75, and rarely is more than $3 asked on contract. Prompt foundry coke is hardly as easy, being affected by labor shortage with respect to forking cars and the minimum for really good grades seems to be about $2.85, with $3 the minimum as to several favorite brands. The market now stands quotable as follows:

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|---|---|
| Prompt furnace | $2.10 |
| Contract furnace | $2.25@$2.50 |
| Prompt foundry | $2.85@$3.00 |
| Contract foundry | $2.75@$3.00 |

Reduction in coke consumption in the past few weeks has been quite small, only a very few furnaces having been blown out. It is not likely that many more furnaces will be blown out in the next month or two, as the steel works show signs of running practically full and demand for merchant pig iron has slightly increased. Of course furnaces do not work as well in the hot weather and their coke consumption is slightly reduced on this account.

The tone of the local pig iron market has sensibly improved in the past week. Instead of the continued decline which covered a period of nearly six months there are stationary prices, with less tendency to cut than formerly, and it can be said that regularly quoted prices are more firmly adhered to than at any time during the decline. Buying is still in very small lots but the number of transactions, particularly in foundry iron, has decidedly increased. Consumers as yet show no disposition to take hold for forward deliveries but their increased prompt buying indicates that as their contracts run out they will buy from hand to mouth, perhaps taking substantially as large a tonnage in deliveries as formerly. A sale of 500 tons Bessemer June, July and August, has been made at $16.50 Valley, while 1,500 tons of basic have gone at $14.50. Quotations remain: Bessemer $16.50, basic $14.50, malleable and No. 2 foundry $14.25, forge, $14, f. o. b. Valley furnaces, 90 cents higher delivered Pittsburg.

### TWO MILLS CLOSED

**Labor Troubles Cause Indefinite Suspension of Business.**

Two steel mills in Pittsburg territory have closed within the past 10 days because of labor troubles and are not likely to open again for some time. The Superior Steel Company at Carnegie refused to be harassed by labor agitators who were stirring up the foreign workmen and suspended the plant indefinitely, causing idleness of 2,000 employes.

The West Leechburg Steel Company at West Leechburg suffered from a walkout of its mill men and 700 men became idle indefinitely. In the latter case the officials say the closing is opportune and causes them no inconvenience. The plant makes sheets and was fully up on its contract obligations.

**Railroad Holds a Record**

The East Broad Top Railroad & Coal Company is the only narrow-gauge line in the United States that uses hopper-bottom cars. The cars are built to its order and have a capacity of 60,000 pounds.

### HAPPY IN THE PRESENT AND HOPEFUL FOR FUTURE

**Is the Sentiment in the Steel Trade Just Now, Cancellations Few and Prices Firm.**

Special to The Weekly Courier

NEW YORK, June 18.—The American Metal Market and Daily Iron & Steel Report will say in its review of the steel market tomorrow morning:

Sentimentally at least the tone of the finished steel market is improved this week, whether from continued good crop prospects, from the spectacle of mills being able to run full even though the new business has been light for two or three months or from the firmer tone shown by the big iron markets.

New business in steel products continues light and no general buying movement is expected in the immediate future. Predictions are increasing, however, that a buying movement will start in August. Cancellations and postponements, always the fear of the finished steel trade in a quiet market, prove to be inconsequential. In no case are large tonnages involved and in the aggregate the tonnage thus affected is a bagatelle compared with the amount of sound business still left on mill books. Specifications on old contracts for steel products may be estimated as running from 60% to 70% of shipments. At this rate of loss many of the mills will nevertheless enjoy practically full operation in 1914.

The great point in the steel situation is the fact that actual ultimate consumption is maintained and is at the moment substantially at the greatest rate on record. However new buying may be reduced or retarded from transient causes the outstanding suggestion is that consumption will not suddenly cease. Much more probable is it that the continuance of heavy consumption will force the resumption of buying.

Prices of the most important steel products are strictly maintained and there is no material shading at any point from the highest level attained in the recent movement. Sheets have been the most uncertain commodity on the list and they have declined not more than $2 a ton altogether to a level not below that of the contracts now being filled.

Pig iron has been showing a firmer undertone and Connellsville coke is decidedly stiff in the circumstances.

### PROBERS NEAR END

**Senators Ready to Leave the West Virginia Coal Fields.**

CHARLESTON, W. Va., June 18.—The Senate probe into the mine conditions of West Virginia will be transferred to Washington. Three of the members of the senate subcommittee on education and labor, Senators Swanson, Kenyon and Martine, will leave tonight for the capital.

The near fist fight between Senator Martine and Operator Quinn Morton hurried to a conclusion the hearings held here. Yesterday Senator Kenyon threatened to return immediately to Washington if Martine would not agree to take no further part in the questioning of witnesses.

An all day session was held today. Witnesses for the operators were on the stand and given the opportunity of refuting the testimony presented by the miners.

It was admitted this morning that upon the resumption of hearings at the capital, the operators plan to make the Martine incident one of their strong points. They will present to the entire committee an oral statement tending to show that the subcommittee was against the operators before they heard all of the evidence in the case. Senator Martine and Morton nearly came to blows when the coal man asked the senator to take a drink.

### SUIT OVER CONTRACT

**Etna Connellsville Seeks to Recover on Coke Purchase Agreement.**

UNIONTOWN, June 13.—The Etna Connellsville Coke Company has filed suit against the Whyel Coke Company asking $11,743.12 with interest from May 21, 1913. The amount is alleged to be due on a contract.

According to the statement filed here Cyrus Echard, representing the Etna Connellsville Company, and Harry Whyel of the Whyel Coke Company on December 11, 1912, entered into a contract by which the Whyel company would purchase approximately 67,200 tons of furnace coke from the Etna company during 1913 at a price of $3 per ton. Delivery was to average 5,600 tons a month.

The statement avers that the January, February and March shipments were accepted and paid for by the defendant company. In April 4,747.05 tons were shipped. The defendant received 3,500 tons for which no payment has been made but refuses to accept the balance. This was sold in the open market at a loss of $1,199.32. Plaintiff avers. The Whyel company is asked to pay the $10,543.80 due, and make up the loss of $1,192.32.

**Can Make Coke Rate**

By a recent ruling of the Interstate Commerce Commission the Louisville & Nashville railroad was given authority to establish rates on coke in carloads from Benham, Ky., at which point the coking plant of the Wisconsin Steel Company is located, to various other points the same rates as concurrently in effect from Appalachia, Va.

**Expect Big Export Trade**

Southern pig iron makers expect their export trade this summer to reach 25,000 tons.

## Review of the Connellsville Coke Trade.

### Statistical Summary.

| PRODUCTION | WEEK ENDING JUNE 14, 1913 | | | | WEEK ENDING JUNE 7, 1913 | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| DISTRICT | Ovens | In | Out | Tons | Ovens | In | Out | Tons. |
| Connellsville | 22,356 | 17,846 | 4,510 | 229,908 | 22,356 | 17,867 | 4,489 | 231,077 |
| Lower Connellsville | 16,747 | 14,077 | 2,670 | 180,640 | 16,747 | 14,081 | 2,666 | 177,938 |
| Totals | 39,103 | 31,923 | 7,180 | 410,608 | 39,103 | 31,948 | 7,155 | 409,015 |
| FURNACE OVENS | | | | | | | | |
| Connellsville | 18,070 | 14,577 | 3,493 | 188,043 | 18,070 | 14,577 | 3,493 | 188,817 |
| Lower Connellsville | 5,812 | 4,664 | 1,148 | 61,165 | 5,812 | 4,629 | 1,183 | 59,714 |
| Totals | 23,882 | 19,241 | 4,641 | 249,208 | 23,882 | 19,206 | 4,676 | 248,531 |
| MERCHANT OVENS | | | | | | | | |
| Connellsville | 4,286 | 3,269 | 1,017 | 41,925 | 4,286 | 3,290 | 996 | 42,260 |
| Lower Connellsville | 10,935 | 9,413 | 1,522 | 119,475 | 10,935 | 9,452 | 1,483 | 118,221 |
| Totals | 15,221 | 12,682 | 2,539 | 161,400 | 15,221 | 12,742 | 2,479 | 160,481 |

| SHIPMENTS | WEEK ENDING JUNE 14, 1913 | WEEK ENDING JUNE 7, 1913 |
|---|---|---|
| To Pittsburg | 4,021 Cars | 4,076 Cars |
| To Points West of Pittsburg | 6,844 Cars | 6,717 Cars |
| To Points East of the Region | 1,095 Cars | 1,107 Cars |
| Totals | 11,962 Cars | 11,900 Cars |

### RATE DECISIONS MEAN YEARLY SAVING OF $5,000,000 ON COKE, COAL AND ORE CONSUMED IN THE PITTSBURG DISTRICT

**Interstate Commerce Commission Takes From the District the Unfair Burden Imposed Upon It by the Railroads for Years Past: Industries Given Opportunity to Profit by Vast Natural Advantages They Possess.**

The Interstate Commerce Commission yesterday handed down two decisions of great importance to the industrial world of Western Pennsylvania and particularly to the Connellsville coke region and the Pittsburg iron district. Under these decisions the freight rates on coke and ore to consuming points are materially reduced and thereby the fight of the merchant coke operators of the Connellsville region against lower coke prices has been materially aided and the supremacy of Pittsburg as a steel and iron center has been further strengthened.

The principal reduction in coke rates has been to Valley points where the rate has been cut from $1.35 to $1.20 per ton. A large proportion of the merchant coke of the Connellsville region is marketed here and consumers have been insisting upon lower prices on the ground that pig iron is too low. While there is no good business reason for such a demand the reduction of 15 cents per ton in the cost of delivery ought to enable merchant coke operators and furnacemen to get closer together on the price of last half contract coke.

The sweeping reduction in ore rates from the Lakes ought to be sufficient to effectually close this gap so that both the coke manufacturing and coke consuming interests may be able to operate on a reasonable margin of profit. With coke cheaper by 15 cents and ore by 35 cents per ton the cost of pig iron production is sensibly diminished and the necessity for cheaper coke wholly removed.

A further effect of the ore decision is to strengthen the position of the Connellsville coke region as a furnace fuel field, add to the stability of its business, strengthen its prices, increase its profits and enhance the value of its coal.

The chief contention of the coke producers before the Interstate Commerce Commission was that this region is discriminated against by the railroads in favor of the Fairmont coke district of West Virginia. The commission dismissed this plea as unreasonable but reduced the rates on the other ground that they are in themselves excessive. While the Connellsville operators still believe that discrimination did exist the effect of the decision is to remove much of it and they will have no quarrel with the manner of the removal.

Another peculiar feature of the decision is that the commission found itself powerless to enforce that decision so far as the Shenango valley is concerned, it being within the State of Pennsylvania and shipments from the Connellsville region thence being intrastate commerce. The railroads will however probably comply with the ruling of the commission because if they do not they are likely to be confronted with a similar demand from the state authorities.

The final point in the coke rate cases was that participation by carrier in through rates from West Virginia and Tennessee fields which yield lower earnings per ton per mile than their rates from the Connellsville field is under the conditions of carriers which the railroads cannot control neither unduly discriminatory nor unduly preferential.

While the reduction in freight rates is not all the coke operators demanded or all they had a right to expect the compromise verdict of the Interstate Commerce Commission comes at an opportune moment.

It also demonstrates that John Wesley Boileau has been a useful man to the merchant coke operators of the Connellsville region as he was to the coal operators of the Pittsburg district and the furnacemen of Pittsburg and the Valleys.

**Means Millions**

An annual saving of $5,000,000 on coke, coal and ore will be effected as the result of the rate decisions by the Interstate Commerce Commission which take from the Pittsburg district the burden imposed by the railroads as a penalty for the natural advantages enjoyed. The coke rate decisions are of vast importance to the operators of the Connellsville coke region. The main points of contention were sustained largely through the efforts of John W. Boileau, the Pittsburg engineer who marshalled the facts in such an imposing array as to convince the Interstate Commerce Commission of the injustice being done the Connellsville region and the entire Pittsburg district by imposing excessive freight tariffs.

Boileau engineered the recent fight of the Pittsburg district coal operators who won a 10 cent reduction in coal rates. He was the most important individual factor in the suit of the Connellsville coke operators against the railroads in attacking the coke rates just changed and his figures had a large bearing upon the ore rate decision which holds that Pittsburg must not be charged more for ore shipments than Wheeling.

The most pleasing part of the decision is that the case was decided strictly on its merits. The case made out before the Interstate Commerce Commission was so strong and convincing that the railroads did not have a leg to stand on and they have feared for months that the decision would be against them.

The independent steel and coke men will benefit greatest by the rate reductions. The United States Steel Corporation brings most of its ore into Pittsburg over its own rail road the Bessemer & Lake Erie. The apparent injustice shown in ore rates was on account of the longer haul to Wheeling which is on an average of from 25 to 30 miles farther than to Pittsburg from the lake points.

Speaking of the rate decisions on Friday Mr. Boileau said:

The railroads claim the right of regulating the assembling of the coke, ore and limestone so as to regulate the cost of pig iron. For instance in this section we have cheap coke for the reason that it is produced here. But the railroads make up for the low cost of this commodity by charging an exorbitant rate on ore and limestone shipped in here.

From the Interstate Commerce decision I note that all rates on coke are to be reduced from the local district except the rates to Chicago and other western points where they have been found to be reasonable.

The advantage of the decisions on ore, coal and coke in the Pittsburg district means a saving of about $5,000,000 annually on these commodities.

**The Ore Case**

The ore decisions were on the complaint of President Wallace H. Rowe of the Pittsburg Steel Company, that freight rates on iron ore to the Pittsburg district should not be higher than to the Wheeling, W. Va., district. This complaint was approved and the ore rate to Pittsburg ordered brought to a parity with Wheeling. The Wheeling rate for iron ore from Lake ports has been 60 cents a ton and to the Pittsburg district it has been 96 cents a ton, thus a saving of 36 cents a ton on iron ore results from this decision and order and on this basis the iron producer of the Pittsburg district will have his cost of pig iron reduced 72 cents a ton as it requires two tons of ore to produce one ton of iron.

Leading blast furnace men in Pittsburg Friday were jubilant over the news from Washington. One of the largest interests in the Valley declared that with that rate established the duty on foreign iron ore could be entirely removed and it would have no influence on the domestic trade. In other words it will mean that the Lake Superior ore regions will hold an impregnable position for American and especially in Pittsburg and its vicinity. It also means that Pittsburg's position as an iron center has been made whole of the and ultimately the community will grow larger than ever as an iron producing center for it removes the most serious handicap that has existed for years on Pittsburg's development on a gigantic scale.

A fight for a reduction in ore freight rates has been a long and fiercely contested one. The iron and steel manufacturers of the Mahoning and Shenango Valleys formed an association seeking to bring about a similar reduction in freight rates for their own territory but included not only the ore rate but the coke rate from Connellsville. This contingent found joint interest with the Connellsville coke producers and the latter brought into the foreground the excessive rates charged for coke in all directions by railroads compared with similar products and which was militating heavily against that famous region.

**Decision in Coke Case**

Chairman Clark wrote the decision in the case of the Coke Producers Association against the Baltimore & Ohio and other carriers in which it is held that the rate on coke in carloads from Connellsville region points to Youngstown, Canton, Cleveland and Toledo, Ohio, North Cornwall, Robesonia, Reading, Pa., Baltimore and Newark, N. J., are unreasonable per se, but the present relationship of rates as between the Connellsville district and the Fairmont district in West Virginia is not unduly discriminatory against Connellsville or unduly preferential to Fairmont and must be maintained; the participation by the defendants in through rates from West Virginia and Tennessee fields which yield lower earnings per ton mile than their rates from the Connellsville field is under the conditions of competition between the carriers which the defendants cannot control neither unduly discriminatory nor unduly discriminatory. Reductions ordered for the future are: To Canton $1.45 to $1.40; Cleveland $1.65 to $1.60; North Cornwall $1.85 to $1.80; Baltimore $2.15 to $1.80; Robesonia $1.85 to $1.80; Reading $1.85 to $1.80; Toledo $1.95 to $1.85; Philadelphia $2.15 to $2.00 and Newark $2.45 to $2.30. The rates are to become effective August 1 and remain in force for a period of two years.

Chairman Clark handed down the decision in the Youngstown Sheet & Tube Company against the Pittsburg & Lake Erie in which it is held that while the rate of $1.35 per net ton on coke from Connellsville region points to the Mahoning Valley of Ohio is unreasonable to the extent that it exceeds $1.20 per ton. Following the decision in the Connellsville coke producers case no reparation will be awarded. The reasons are that it is found that rates from the Connellsville region to points in the Shenango valleys are entirely within the state of Pennsylvania and not under the jurisdiction of the commission and to grant the reduction to the Mahoning valley furnaces in face of its inability to likewise grant it to those in the Shenango valley and the Pittsburg and Beaver districts would result in an inequality which while not correctible by the commission would nevertheless be real and substantial. The order calls on the Pittsburg & Lake Erie, the Pennsylvania and the Baltimore & Ohio to cease and desist from charging the present rates after August 1, 1913, and apply within 30 days of filing notice rates not to exceed $1.20 a ton to remain in force for two years from that date.

**The Buffalo Case**

The complaint of the Wickwire Steel Company and others against the New York Central and other carriers was not sustained, the commission holding that the present rates on coke from the Connellsville and neighboring fields in Pennsylvania to the blast furnaces and steel mills in and around Buffalo are not unreasonable. In addition to the Wickwire company the Buffalo Union Furnace Company, Tonawanda Iron & Steel Company, New York State Steel Company and Lackawanna Steel Company complained against an advance from $1.65 to $1.85 and a rate of $1.60 was asked. The burden of assuming that the increase was just and reasonable was borne by the Pennsylvania railroad. In handing down the commission's decision Commissioner Meyer said:

It is to be noted in this connection that with regard to most of these Eastern Pennsylvania furnaces the haul from the Connellsville district is entirely intrastate and it is clearly intrastate to all of them when the haul is over the lines of the Pennsylvania railroad from the Connellsville district proper. The adjustment made by the carriers to ease the discrimination against the Eastern Pennsylvania furnaces. Furthermore the rate to Buffalo is one in a broad rate structure which embraces the great industrial territory in the United States. We cannot in fairness to other localities isolate this rate and it is to all others. It yields a revenue of 4.4 mills per ton mile. This is somewhat higher per ton than to Chicago but is considerably lower than to numerous other points. We have given careful consideration to all the aspects of the question before us and we are constrained to hold that the rate under attack is not unreasonable.

The commission in a decision handed down by Commissioner Meyer in the Pittsburg Steel Company against the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern and other roads has decided that the rate on iron ore from Lake Erie ports to Pittsburg should be no higher than to the Wheeling district. The rate attacked was 96 cents as against 60 cents to Wheeling, 75 cents to the Beaver district, 66 cents to Youngstown or Mahoning and Shenango valley district and 60 cents to Columbus. Attempt was made by the defendants to justify the difference by equalizing costs of assembling and while the commission condemns the theory as impracticable and incapable of exact application yet it was given due consideration in their effort to reach a conclusion which shall be as just as we can make it.

### THE UPPER CONNELLSVILLE AND GREENSBURG REGIONS

**Show Quite a Slump in Business Last Week Though Still Running at Good Gait.**

The Upper Connellsville and Greensburg districts suffered a severe slump as well their aggregate output running from 41,000 tons the previous week down to 39,000 tons, the smallest week's record this year. The operators vouchsafe no explanation of this condition and we assume that it is a natural fluctuation. The business of these districts is somewhat irregular because much of it is foundry and some of it is crushed coke.

The Greensburg district continues to operate its 480 ovens practically full. Its output last week was as follows: To eastern points [illegible] tons; to western points [illegible] cars of [illegible] tons; total [illegible] cars of 18,401 tons.

The Upper Connellsville district is running only a portion of its ovens and some of them not to full capacity. Its output last week was as follows: To eastern points 147 cars of 6,702 tons; to western points 409 cars of 14,874 tons; total 556 cars of 20,706 tons.

The weekly record of shipments from these regions for the present year from February 1 are shown in the following table:

| Week Ending | Upper Con. Tons | Lower Con. Tons | Total Tons |
|---|---|---|---|
| Feb 1 | [illegible] | 19,1[illegible] | [illegible] |
| Feb 2[illegible] | [illegible] | [illegible] | [illegible] |
| Mar 1 | [illegible] | [illegible] | [illegible]401 |
| Mar 8 | [illegible] | 19,4[illegible] | [illegible] |
| Mar 15 | [illegible] | [illegible] | [illegible] |
| Mar 2[illegible] | [illegible] | [illegible] | [illegible] |
| Mar 2[illegible] | [illegible] | [illegible] | [illegible] |
| Apr [illegible] | [illegible] | 20,1[illegible] | 18,[illegible] |
| Apr 12 | [illegible] | [illegible] | [illegible] |
| Apr 1[illegible] | [illegible] | [illegible] | [illegible] |
| Apr [illegible] | [illegible] | 19,[illegible] | [illegible] |
| May 3 | [illegible] | 19,[illegible] | [illegible] |
| May 10 | [illegible] | [illegible] | [illegible] |
| May 17 | [illegible] | [illegible] | [illegible] |
| May 24 | [illegible] | [illegible] | [illegible] |
| May 31 | 27,14[illegible] | 20,[illegible] | 48,4[illegible] |
| Jun 7 | [illegible] | [illegible] | [illegible] |
| June 14 | 20,[illegible] | 18,401 | 38,9[illegible] |

**Record Tonnage Output**

It is reported from Dante, Va., that the Clinchfield Coal Corporation turned out a record tonnage in May, its shipments last month amounting to about 150,000 tons.

**Will Reopen Old Mine**

Mine No. 210 of the Sunday Creek Company near Athens, O., is to be reopened after six years idleness.

## Production and Output.

### THE COKE TRADE IN GOOD VOLUME AND FIRM FAITH

**Operators are Not Worrying Over Second Half Coke Coke Contracts.**

### WILL NOT MAKE GIFT COKE

**If Demand Decreases Production Will Be Curtailed Accordingly; Think Furnacemen Can Afford to Pay the Price In View of Rate Decisions.**

The production of the Connellsville coke region last week ran up to 410,600 tons with shipments less than a thousand tons behind. Production this week will fall below this figure because of a three days holiday celebration on Monday. Generally speaking however the region is running with great regularity and in good volume. There is practically no stock on the yards save the usual quantity of emergency fuel at the plants operated by furnace interests. Labor is in fair supply, sufficient for requirements when the men work steadily.

Merchant operators generally are not worrying over second half contracts. They have apparently made up their minds to stand out for their price or curtail production strictly to demand. If a sufficient number of them adhere firmly to this resolution the furnace interest will be forced to capitulate. The merchant operators have been brought to a realizing sense of the folly of selling their coke at a liberal advance over the labor cost of production and trying to persuade themselves that they were doing a good business and some of them have been helped to that sensible conclusion by the suggestions of financiers representing bondholding interests who object to the passing of bonds without the presence of a proper sinking fund. Furthermore the merchant coke operators feel that the reduction in freight rates ought to help the furnacemen considerably and that under the circumstances the latter can well afford to pay the price asked.

The decision in the rate case was undeniably just. The matter is so plain that the only wonder is that the coke interest did not take the matter up long ago. The results of the Pittsburg fight of rate cases will do much to establish and enlarge the supremacy of that section as an industrial center and the Connellsville coke operators properly feel that this will mean an enlarged demand for their product, increased prices and enhanced values of coking properties and coal lands within the limits of the Connellsville coke region. These reflections serve to still further strengthen them in their present stand for $2.50 coke. The opinion is prevalent that the furnacemen will soon break for cover. Spot coke is generally a speculation and not always a good one. If the furnacemen refuse to contract for the second half and enter the open market it is freely predicted that they will find it short enough in good coke to make the buying conditions unsuitable. It is evident that the winner of the deadlock will be the party with the stiffest backbone.

The Connellsville region is running practically full. Production last week aggregated 410,608 tons of which the merchant interest produced 161,400 tons and the furnace interest 249,208 tons. By districts 229,908 tons were produced in the Connellsville region and 180,640 tons in the Lower Connellsville region. Compared with the previous week this is an increase of 1,593 tons. The region ran practically full [illegible] furnace ovens ran [illegible] days and [illegible] of the [illegible] merchant ovens [illegible] days, 939 ran five days and [illegible] ran [illegible] days.

Shipments last week aggregated 11,962 cars, totaling 404,846 tons, distributed as follows:

| District | Cars | Tons |
|---|---|---|
| Pittsburg | [illegible] | [illegible] |
| West | [illegible] | [illegible] |
| East | [illegible] | [illegible] |

Following is the record of production and shipments for 1913 to date:

| Week Ending | Production Tons | Shipments Tons |
|---|---|---|
| Jan 4 | [illegible] | 384,8[illegible] |
| Jan 11 | 404,[illegible] | 404,9[illegible] |
| Jan 18 | [illegible] | [illegible] |
| Jan 25 | 416,8[illegible] | 416,7[illegible] |
| Feb 1 | [illegible] | [illegible] |
| Feb 8 | 40[illegible] | 406,7[illegible] |
| Feb 15 | [illegible] | 436,0[illegible] |
| Feb 22 | [illegible] | 441,6[illegible] |
| Mar 1 | [illegible] | [illegible] |
| Mar 8 | [illegible] | 412,7[illegible] |
| Mar 15 | [illegible] | [illegible] |
| Mar 22 | [illegible] | 410,3[illegible] |
| Mar 29 | [illegible] | [illegible] |
| Apr 5 | [illegible] | [illegible] |
| Apr 12 | [illegible] | [illegible] |
| Apr 19 | 408,4[illegible] | 41[illegible] |
| Apr 26 | [illegible] | 413,7[illegible] |
| May 3 | [illegible] | 403,7[illegible] |
| May 10 | [illegible] | [illegible] |
| May 17 | [illegible] | 400,[illegible] |
| May 24 | [illegible] | [illegible] |
| May 31 | 401,[illegible] | 403,0[illegible] |
| Jun 7 | [illegible] | 40[illegible] |
| June 14 | [illegible] | 40[illegible] |

There was the usual blowing in and out of ovens last week with the result that there was a small net loss in the active column. Ovens were blown in as follows: 20 at Trier Hill, 10 at Elm Grove, 1 at Isabella, 23 at Mill Lot, 7 scattering, 77 in all. Ovens were blown out as follows: at Francis No. 1, 14 at Marion, 31 at Royal for repairs, 10 at Ellen No. 2, 10 at Junction, 12 scattering, 10 in all. The Poland plant in Greene county now has 38 ovens in blast and expect to fire 25 more within the next week. These will be followed by the balance of the first operation, 100 in all.

# SUPREMACY OF THE PITTSBURG FIELD IS SHOWN BY BOILEAU

### Expert Delivers Interesting Talk Before Mining Institute.

### ENGINEERS TAKE KEEN INTEREST

**Immense Tonnage Consumed Each Day Graphically Illustrated by Expert in Striking Tables; Railroads Use Vast Amount of Fuel Each Year**



J. W. BOILEAU.

PITTSBURG, June 18.—The superiority of the Pittsburg coal fields to all others, and the great importance of Pennsylvania as a coal producing state, were shown in a graphic manner yesterday afternoon by John W. Boileau, the well known expert, at the first session of the summer meeting of the Coal Mining Institute of America in Pittsburg. The meeting was attended by about 100 engineers connected with the coal mining industry.

Mr. Boileau reviewed the geologic history and described the general formation of the Pittsburg and other coal beds. He said in part:

"The coal fields which contain the Freeports, Kittannings and Lower measures to the east and to the north of the Pittsburg bed in Pennsylvania, along with the Pittsburg bed, produce nearly 160,000,000 tons of bituminous coal. Considering this, together with the immense amount of fuel used in plants and loss, I dare say, one-third of the entire tonnage removed from the ground in the United States is mined in Pennsylvania. This does not include the anthracite of an annual tonnage of 75,000,000 to 80,000,000 tons.

"In the Pittsburg district proper there is mined more than 60,000,000 tons of coal, and including the Connellsville district, Fayette and Westmoreland, the coal used as coal and as coal in making coke, including the Pittsburg district, amounts to 100,000,000 tons annually, or one-fifth of the entire tonnage of the United States. The coke region will average 21,000,000 ons of coke, or approximately 32,000,000 tons of coal, together with a very probable increase in the next 20 years, approximating between five per cent and seven per cent, if we are to judge by past records.

"Pittsburg and its manufactories in the Monongahela, Ohio and Allegheny valleys, within a short radius of Pittsburg, form the greatest coal consuming district in the world. While we consume at home, in the Pittsburg district proper 16,000,000 tons, we consume enough more in the way of coke which takes coal to the extent of total tonnage of coal used of more than 25,000,000 tons.

"Pennsylvania has only about five per cent. of the coal area, but the state is producing about half of the entire tonnage of the United States. This means early exhaustion, particularly of the gas and coking coal, which will be the fuel of the future, and we have the best gas and the best coking coal for the production of gas and for metallurgical purposes. It is rich in by-products the same as other coal, and assures Pittsburg district as a great industrial center, such as it has been in the past.

"With our great railroads consuming immense quantities of coal, and with half of the iron industry located in Ohio and Pennsylvania, the Pittsburg bed will be drawn upon at a tremendous rate of exhaustion. To get an idea of the tonnage, I would say that one large railroad system uses six acres per day of coal. The requirements in acreages daily in the United States are more than 225 acres daily. This exhaustion of the minerals is not renewed in agriculture. If all the coal in Pennsylvania was taken from our largest county, such as Greene or Washington County, it would last only eight or ten years."

Lantern slides showing the first aid methods in use at the plants of the H. C. Frick Coke Company were shown.

Today the members of the Institute will visit the Carnegie Institute, by special invitation of Dr. W. J. Holland. This afternoon they will hold a special session under the direction of the Bureau of Mines, at the Arsenal grounds. W. E. Fohl of Pittsburg, president of the institute, is presiding over the sessions. C. L. Fay of Wilkes-Barre is secretary.

## PRODUCTION RECORD BROKEN IN TIN AND TERNE PLATES

**During 1912 There Were 34 Active Black Plate Plants in Operation; Three Idle.**

The Bureau of Statistics of the American Iron and Steel Institute has received from the manufacturers, statistics of the production of iron and steel plates and sheets, black plates, or sheets, for tinning, and tinplates and terne plates in the United States in 1912. The figures appear in the Iron Trade Review. For 1911 and previous years the statistics were compiled by the American Iron and Steel Association.

The production of iron and steel plates and sheets in 1912, excluding nail plate and skelp, amounted to 5,875,080 tons, against 4,488,049 tons in 1911, an increase of 1,387,031 tons, or over 30.9 per cent. The maximum production was reached in 1912. The year of next largest production was 1910. The production of nail plate and skelp will be given later.

The production of black plates, or sheets, for tinning in 1912, amounted to 282,197 gross tons, against 705,598 tons in 1911, an increase of 156,599 tons, or over 2.34 per cent.

The production in 1912 was much the largest in our history. The year of next largest production was 1911. In 1912 there were 34 active black plate works, as compared with 31 in 1911, 35 in 1910, 31 in 1909, 28 in 1908, and 31 in 1907. In 1912 there were 3 idle works, as compared with 4 in 1911, 4 in 1910, 9 in 1909, 12 in 1908, and 10 in 1907. Two black plate plants were being built in Ohio at the close of 1912.

From reports received from the large producers and from estimates made for a few other makers the bureau finds that the production of tinplates and terne plates in 1912, amounted to about 2,157,055,000 pounds, or 962,971 gross tons, as compared with about 1,756,070,000 pounds or 783,960 tons, in 1911, an increase of 400,985,000 pounds, or 179,011 tons. Of the total in 1912, 1,965,655,000 pounds, or 877,528 tons, were tinplates, as compared with 1,597,629,000 pounds, or 713,227 tons, in 1911, an increase of 368,030,000 pounds, or 164,299 tons, and 191,396,000 pounds, or 85,456 tons, were terne plates, as compared with 158,441,000 pounds or 70,733 tons, in 1911, an increase of 32,955,000 pounds or 14,712 tons. The combined production of tinplates and terne plates in 1912 was much larger than in any other year.

In 1911, our production of tinplates and terne plates first exceeded our consumption, the difference amounting to 47,282 tons.

## BIG COAL BILL

**On One Liner it Averaged $3 a Minute for Trip Across.**

The coal bill of a big trans-Atlantic liner is sufficiently great under ordinary circumstances, but when strike conditions prevail, with consequent high prices, the sum paid for sufficient fuel for a single voyage may amount almost to a small fortune, says Coal Age.

The White Star line Olympic for her last trip to this country was compelled to pay $6 per ton for her bunker coal, and had difficulty in securing enough to supply her needs at even this price. Her total expense for coal alone upon this voyage was $25,000.

Upon this trip the vessel carried 1,586 passengers of all classes, and the expense for fuel for each passenger amounted in round numbers to $15.70, and as the voyage was completed in five days, eighteen hours and forty-six minutes, the coal bill amounted to very slightly over $3 per minute.

**Demand Educated Mules.**

The miners at Rush Run, W. Va., went out on strike because new mules were put into service to haul the coal out of the mine. The 300 men employed declared the new mules could not haul the coal fast enough and as a result they were losing time and money. Officials of the company sent the old educated mules back to the mines and the miners resumed their work.

**Opening New Mine.**

The Francis Coal & Coke Company is opening a new mine near Clarksburg, W. Va.

LIST OF COKE OVENS IN

## The Connellsville District

**With Their Owners, Address and Ovens in Blast Corrected to Saturday, June 14, 1913.**

| Total Ovens. | In Blast. | Name of Works. | Name of Operators. | P. O. Address. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 209 | 200 | Acme | W. J. Rainey | New York, N. Y. |
| 50 | | Acme | Penn Coke Co | Uniontown |
| 760 | 200 | Adelaide | H. C. Frick Coke Co | Pittsburg |
| 256 | 240 | Alverton | H. C. Frick Coke Co | Pittsburg |
| 897 | 869 | Bargeley | H. C. Frick Coke Co | Pittsburg |
| 182 | 152 | Beatty | Mt. Pleasant Coke Co | Greensburg |
| 60 | 20 | Bethany | Majestic Coke Co | Uniontown |
| 200 | 200 | Bitner | H. C. Frick Coke Co | Pittsburg |
| 120 | 120 | Boyer | Mt. Pleasant Coke Co | Greensburg |
| 240 | 200 | Brinkerton | H. C. Frick Coke Co | Pittsburg |
| 280 | 120 | Buckeye | H. C. Frick Coke Co | Pittsburg |
| 90 | 30 | Brush Run | Brush Run Coke Company | Mt. Pleasant |
| 200 | 200 | Calumet | H. C. Frick Coke Co | Pittsburg |
| 82 | | Carolyn | Fayette-Connellsville Coke Co | Pittsburg |
| 816 | 336 | Central | H. C. Frick Coke Co | Pittsburg |
| 64 | | Chester | Sunshine Coal & Coke Co | Uniontown |
| 150 | 100 | Clare | Clare Coke Co | Greensburg |
| 120 | 100 | Cochrook | H. C. Frick Coke Co | Pittsburg |
| 400 | 340 | Collier | H. C. Frick Coke Co | Pittsburg |
| 400 | 400 | Continental No. 1 | H. C. Frick Coke Co | Pittsburg |
| 336 | 280 | Continental No. 2 | H. C. Frick Coke Co | Pittsburg |
| 300 | 250 | Continental No. 3 | H. C. Frick Coke Co | Pittsburg |
| 120 | 120 | Crossland | H. C. Frick Coke Co | Pittsburg |
| 333 | 333 | Davidson | H. C. Frick Coke Co | Pittsburg |
| 40 | 28 | Dexter | Connellsville Coke Co | Connellsville |
| 220 | 150 | Dorothy | H. C. Frick Coke Co | Pittsburg |
| 40 | | Eden No. 1 | Whyel Coke Co | Uniontown |
| 60 | 30 | Ellen No. 2 | Whyel Coke Co | Uniontown |
| 120 | 100 | Elizabeth | Unity-Connellsville Coke Co | Greensburg |
| 215 | 183 | Elm Grove | W. J. Rainey | New York, N. Y. |
| 125 | 116 | Fort Hill | W. J. Rainey | New York, N. Y. |
| 101 | 101 | Gilmore | Gilmore Coke Co | Uniontown |
| 124 | 118 | Grace | W. J. Rainey | New York, N. Y. |
| 272 | 220 | Hecla No. 1 | H. C. Frick Coke Co | Pittsburg |
| 300 | 210 | Hecla No. 2 | H. C. Frick Coke Co | Pittsburg |
| 206 | 200 | Hecla No. 3 | H. C. Frick Coke Co | Pittsburg |
| 120 | | Henry Clay | H. C. Frick Coke Co | Pittsburg |
| 258 | 258 | Hostetter | Hostetter-Connellsville Coke Co | Pittsburg |
| 100 | 100 | Humphrey | Bessemer Coke Co | Pittsburg |
| 250 | 250 | Juniata | H. C. Frick Coke Co | Pittsburg |
| 20 | 10 | Junction | Marietta-Ganier Coal & Coke Co | Connellsville |
| 376 | 250 | Kyle | H. C. Frick Coke Co | Pittsburg |
| 498 | 420 | Leisenring No. 1 | H. C. Frick Coke Co | Pittsburg |
| 496 | 400 | Leisenring No. 2 | H. C. Frick Coke Co | Pittsburg |
| 502 | 420 | Leisenring No. 3 | H. C. Frick Coke Co | Pittsburg |
| 304 | 250 | Leith | H. C. Frick Coke Co | Pittsburg |
| 227 | 155 | Lemont No. 1 | H. C. Frick Coke Co | Pittsburg |
| 250 | 250 | Lemont No. 2 | H. C. Frick Coke Co | Pittsburg |
| 20 | | Little Sunshine | King Coke Co | Uniontown |
| 82 | | Love | Cville-Mutual Coal & Coke Co | Scottdale |
| 40 | 26 | Magee | Magee Coke Co | Uniontown |
| 81 | 42 | Mahoning | Mahoning Coal & Coke Co | Dunbar |
| 510 | 450 | Mammoth | H. C. Frick Coke Co | Pittsburg |
| 400 | 320 | Marguerite | H. C. Frick Coke Co | Pittsburg |
| 165 | 112 | Morgan | H. C. Frick Coke Co | Pittsburg |
| 214 | 214 | Mt. Braddock | W. J. Rainey | New York, N. Y. |
| 310 | 310 | Mt. Pleasant | Mt. Pleasant Coke Co | Greensburg, Pa. |
| 196 | 115 | Mutual | H. C. Frick Coke Co | Pittsburg |
| 32 | 32 | Myers | Brownfield-Cville Coke Co | Uniontown |
| 229 | 229 | Nellie | Brown & Cochran | Dawson |
| 232 | 232 | Oliphant | H. C. Frick Coke Co | Pittsburg |
| 228 | 228 | Oliver No. 1 | Oliver & Snyder Steel Co | Pittsburg |
| 450 | 140 | Oliver No. 2 | Oliver & Snyder Steel Co | Pittsburg |
| 200 | 200 | Oliver No. 3 | Oliver & Snyder Steel Co | Pittsburg |
| 221 | 52 | Painter | H. C. Frick Coke Co | Pittsburg |
| 300 | 153 | Paul | W. J. Rainey | New York, N. Y. |
| 25 | 18 | Pennsville | Pennsville Coke Co | Pennsville |
| 18 | | Perry | Marietta-Schlueagon | Perry |
| 400 | 386 | Phillips | H. C. Frick Coke Co | Pittsburg |
| 95 | 68 | Rainey | W. J. Rainey | New York, N. Y. |
| 446 | 350 | Redstone | H. C. Frick Coke Co | Pittsburg |
| 240 | 240 | Reserve | W. J. Rainey | New York, N. Y. |
| 28 | 28 | Sapper | Shannon Coal & Coke Co | Uniontown |
| 110 | 60 | Semet-Solvay | Dunbar Furnace Co | Dunbar |
| 42 | | Shannon | Shannon Coal & Coke Co | Uniontown |
| 36 | 36 | Shirey | South Fayette Coal & Coke Co | Uniontown |
| 443 | 250 | Shoaf | H. C. Frick Coke Co | Pittsburg |
| 625 | 420 | Southwest No. 1 | H. C. Frick Coke Co | Pittsburg |
| 220 | 160 | Southwest No. 2 | H. C. Frick Coke Co | Pittsburg |
| 205 | 185 | Southwest No. 3 | H. C. Frick Coke Co | Pittsburg |
| 61 | 30 | Spring Grove | Cochran Bros | Dawson |
| 998 | 735 | Standard | H. C. Frick Coke Co | Pittsburg |
| 155 | 100 | Stewart | Stewart Iron Co | Uniontown |
| 153 | | Summit | H. C. Frick Coke Co | Pittsburg |
| 40 | 20 | Thomas | Whyel Coke Co | Uniontown |
| 464 | 449 | Trotter | H. C. Frick Coke Co | Pittsburg |
| 50 | 50 | Union | W. J. Rainey | New York, N. Y. |
| 250 | 220 | Unsed | H. C. Frick Coke Co | Pittsburg |
| 244 | 100 | Valley | H. C. Frick Coke Co | Pittsburg |
| 86 | 80 | Veteran | Int. Pleasant Coke Co | Greensburg |
| 93 | 72 | West Penn | West Penn Coke Co | Uniontown |
| 150 | 110 | White | H. C. Frick Coke Co | Pittsburg |
| 232 | 152 | Whitney | Hostetter-Connellsville Coke Co | Pittsburg |
| 360 | 360 | Wynn | H. C. Frick Coke Co | Pittsburg |
| 600 | 120 | Yorkrun | H. C. Frick Coke Co | Pittsburg |
| 241 | 200 | Youngstown | H. C. Frick Coke Co | Pittsburg |


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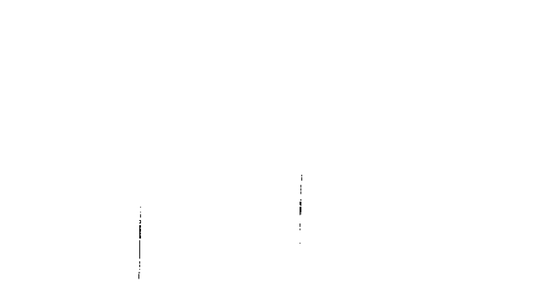
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# WEST VA. MINING MEN WILL VISIT THE COKE REGION

**Program of Institute at Morgantown Includes Tour of Plants.**

## INTERESTING PAPERS LISTED

**Power Development on Cheat River Will be Described by Engineer in Charge; Mt. Braddock, Continental Oliver and Leisenring to be Visited.**

The summer meeting of the West Virginia Coal Mining Institute will be held at Morgantown, W. Va., on June 24 to 26. The program which has just been made public is one of more than common or passing interest. Among the topics to be discussed are: "Gasoline Motor Haulage in Mines," "The Qualifications of a General Manager From a Superintendent's Point of View," and "The Uses of Steel Ties in Mining." The program in full follows:

Tuesday, June 24, 9.30 A. M.—Addresses of welcome, Terrence D. Stewart, Mayor of Morgantown; C. R. Jones, Dean of the College of Engineering, West Virginia University; responses by the vice presidents, George T. Watson, vice president Consolidation Coal Company, Fairmont; John Laing, chief of the department of mines, Charleston; R. S. Ord, general manager Elkhorn Coal & Coke Company, Maybeury, W. Va.; J. F. Healy, general manager Davis Colliery Company, Elkins, W. Va.; J. C. McKinley, coal operator, Wheeling, W. Va.; presidential address, Neil Robinson, mining engineer, Charleston, W. Va.; paper, "Gasoline Motor Haulage in Mines," R. O. Hodges, mechanical engineer, George D. Whitcomb Company, Rochelle, Ill.

1.30 P. M. The members and friends of the Institute will assemble at Mechanical Hall at which point special street cars will be taken to Sabraton. Here the works of the American Sheet & Tin Plate Company, the Pressed Prism Plate Glass Company will be visited. The return to Morgantown will be made by 4 o'clock from which time on the members will be in the hands of the Morgantown Automobile Association. A run will be made to the water power plant, now being erected by the Hydro-Electric Company of West Virginia on the Cheat river, and from thence to other points of interest on the Cheat river, winding up at Mount Chateau where a luncheon will be served. The return to Morgantown will be at various hours.

Wednesday, June 25, 9.30 A. M.—"The Qualifications of a General Manager From a Superintendent's Point of View," T. H. Huddy, general manager Boomer Coal & Coke Company, Boomer, W. Va.; "Welfare Work in Mining Communities," Ira D. Shaw, secretary Central Y. M. C. A., Pittsburg; "The Hess Dustless Mining Machine," Raleigh Taylor, secretary Hess Dustless Mining Machine Company, Ansted, W. Va.

2 P. M.—"The Uses of Steel Ties in Mining," J. Clark Evans, secretary Fairmont Mining Machinery Company, Fairmont, W. Va.; "The Power Development on the Cheat River at Cheat Haven," George F. Rowell, engineer in charge, Cheat Haven, Pa.

8 P. M. Banquet.

Thursday, June 26.—All day Thursday will be devoted to visiting the most representative mines in the Connellsville region. A special train will leave Morgantown about 9 o'clock and the first stop will be made at the mines of the W. J. Rainey interests at Mount Braddock. From here to Uniontown where an inspection of the Continental No. 1 mine of the H. C. Frick Coke Company will be made. Thence to the Oliver Nos. 1 and 2 mines of the Oliver & Snyder Steel Company and thence to the Leisenring No. 1 mine of the H. C. Frick Coke Company.

Following are some of the features of the different mines to be visited: Rectangular coke ovens with complete machinery equipment. Waste heat ovens in use for power generation. Covington leveler for coke ovens. Connellon coke drawing machine. Mechanical stokers for the burning of coke breeze for power generation. Completely equipped shops, for the repair of all mine machinery. Systematic suply house. Fireproof mine hospital. Mine rescue training station. Recreation hall and play grounds. Excellent sanitary arrangements. Concrete swimming pool for employes 40 feet by 80 feet, with two shower baths, one for men and one for women. An expenditure of $30,000 being made to move the miners' houses 1,000 feet away from the mine in order to better living conditions, etc.

## TONNAGE SLUMPS

**Western Maryland Coal Business for April is Behind Last Year.**

Shipments of bituminous coal over the West Virginia division of the Western Maryland railroad during April amounted to 219,254 tons, compared with 277,313 tons in April last year, a decrease of 78,059 tons, and those over the Georges Creek & Cumberland line were 28,247 tons, against 38,343 tons last year, a decrease of 10,096 tons making a total of 247,501 tons, compared with 315,656 tons, a decrease of 68,155 tons.

For the four months from January 1, the tonnage shipped over the West Virginia division amounted to 899,707 tons, compared with 922,648 tons during the same period of 1912, a decrease of 22,941 tons, and those over the Georges Creek & Cumberland line amounted to 150,448 tons, against 126,976 tons, an increase of 23,472 tons, making a total of 1,050,155 gross tons against 1,049,624 tons last year, an increase of 531 tons.

**Will Open "C" Prime Seam.**

F. M. Tompkins has secured a lease on coal acreage owned by the Cambria County Coal Company, near Portage, where an opening is to be made on the upper end of Trout run in the "C" Prime seam of coal.

## WILL BORE FOR OIL

**Test Hole to Be Sunk on Mosholder Farm in Somerset County.**

SOMERSET, June 17.—An enormous oil well derrick on the Samuel B. Musholder farm in Milford township was finished yesterday. The casing for the new oil well is on the ground, and the other machinery to complete the drilling outfit is on the way. The drilling equipment will be the most powerful ever used in Somerset County.

The Mosholder farm has shown signs of oil for many years past. The "oldest inhabitant" saw these superficial symptoms when he was a boy. The Manufacturers Oil & Gas Company of Pittsburg is putting down the prospect hole, and if the first well does not prove successful more wells will be put down in the Milford region, where the company has about 15,000 acres under option.

## OIL FOR FUEL

**Railroads Use 32,000,000 Barrels of Crude in 1912.**

It is estimated that more than 32,000,000 barrels of oil were used by railroads of the United States for fuel in 1912, an increase of more than 4,000,000 barrels over 1911. Since 1906 there has been a gradual increase in oil consumption by railroads, with the exception of the year 1908, when it fell about 2,000,000 barrels below the quantity used in 1907. In 1906 the railroads consumed 15,577,677 barrels; in 1907, 16,849,804 barrels; in 1908, 16,870,522 barrels; in 1909, 19,905,335 barrels; in 1910, 23,871,346 barrels; in 1911, 27,774,823 barrels.

During the last few years crude oil has replaced coal for fuel on the locomotives on many of the railroads in California, Texas, Oklahoma and Louisiana.

## LABOR IN GREAT DEMAND.

**Estimated that 60,000 New Men are Needed Yearly in the Mines.**

It is estimated by a trade journal that 60,000 new miners are needed yearly in the coal mines of the United States. As little in the way of American labor is available for this work, the operators must look to the foreign immigrants to fill their needs.

Some 600,000 men are employed in the bituminous mines of the country. The losses by fatal and nonfatal accidents, deaths from natural causes, retirements and demand for men to meet increased output requires a 10 per cent increase in the working forces each year, it is claimed.

**Anthracite Coal Found.**

It is reported that a workable seam of anthracite coal has been discovered on the Isthmus of Panama.

## LIST OF COKE OVENS IN The Lower Connellsville District

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| Total Ovens. | In Blast. | Name of Works. | Name of Operators. | P. O. Address. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 40 | ..... | Adah | Adah Coke Company | Uniontown |
| 400 | 340 | Alice | W. Harry Brown | South Brownsville |
| 200 | 117 | Allison No. 1 | W. J. Rainey | New York |
| 40 | 40 | Anica | The Wilkey & Feather Coke Co | Uniontown |
| 120 | ..... | Atcheson | Republic Iron & Steel Co | Gist |
| 20 | ..... | Baxter Ridge | Baxter Ridge Coal & Coke Co | Uniontown |
| 42 | 42 | Bellevernon | Bellevernon Coal Coal Co | Pittsburg |
| 109 | 63 | Bridgeport | H. C. Frick Coke Co | Pittsburg |
| 470 | 420 | Brier Hill | Brier Hill Coke Co | Brier Hill |
| 20 | 20 | Browning | Browning Coke Co | Uniontown |
| 44 | 44 | Brownsville | Brownsville Coke Co | Uniontown |
| 400 | 400 | Buffington | H. C. Frick Coke Co | Pittsburg |
| 226 | 29 | Burchfinal | Smithfield Coal & Coke Co | Smithfield |
| 74 | 205 | Century | Century Coke Co | Brownsville |
| 206 | ..... | Champion | Champion Connellsville Coke Co | Uniontown |
| 40 | ..... | Coffman | South Fayette Coke Co | Uniontown |
| 23 | 323 | Colonial No. 1 | H. C. Frick Coke Co | Pittsburg |
| 600 | 100 | Colonial No. 3 | H. C. Frick Coke Co | Pittsburg |
| 155 | 293 | Colonial No. 4 | H. C. Frick Coke Co | Pittsburg |
| 300 | 105 | Cyrilla | Sunshine Coal & Coke Co | Uniontown |
| 142 | 120 | Crystal | United Connellsville Coke Co | Pittsburg |
| 120 | 250 | Dearth | H. C. Frick Coke Co | Pittsburg |
| 250 | 162 | Donald No. 1 | Consolidated Connellsville Coke Co | Uniontown |
| 162 | 210 | Donald No. 2 | Consolidated Connellsville Coke Co | Uniontown |
| 210 | 100 | Donald No. 3 | Consolidated C'ville Coal & Coke Co | Uniontown |
| 160 | 40 | Dunn | The Baxter Coal & Coke Co | Pittsburg |
| 40 | 450 | Edenborn | H. C. Frick Coke Co | Pittsburg |
| 500 | 140 | Edna | Walworning Coke Co | Uniontown |
| 149 | 60 | Eleanor | Sunshine Coal & Coke Co | Uniontown |
| 172 | 32 | Emery | South Fayette Coke Co | Uniontown |
| 32 | 135 | Fairbank | Struthers Coal & Coke Co | Fairbank |
| 200 | ..... | Finley | Jas. Hyrne & Co | Uniontown |
| 33 | 220 | Forrestville | H. C. Frick Coke Co | Scottdale |
| 400 | 100 | Francis No. 1 | Sunshine Coal & Coke Co | Uniontown |
| 229 | 25 | Francis No. 2 | Sunshine Coal & Coke Co | Uniontown |
| 10 | 80 | Frick | South Fayette Coke Co | Uniontown |
| 80 | 115 | Garwood | Ætna-Connellsville Coke Co | Connellsville |
| 119 | 58 | Genuine | Genuine Connellsville Coke Co | Uniontown |
| 58 | 300 | Griffin Nos. 1 & 2 | Bessmer Coke Co | Pittsburg |
| 400 | 210 | Herbert | Connellsville Central Coke Co | Pittsburg |
| 210 | ..... | Hilltop | Sunshine Coal & Coke Co | Uniontown |
| 52 | 71 | Hoover | James H. Hoover | McClellandtown |
| 74 | 58 | Hope | Hope Coke Co | Uniontown |
| 58 | 100 | Hustead | Hustead-Semans Coal & Coke Co | Uniontown |
| 200 | 100 | Isabella | Isabella-Connellsville Coke Co | Pittsburg |
| 250 | 100 | Katherine | Union Connellsville Coke Co | Uniontown |
| 140 | 200 | Lafelle | Labelle Coke Co | Labelle |
| 200 | 220 | Lafayette | Atlas Coke Co | Helen |
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| 30 | 72 | Plumer | Plumer Coke Co | Uniontown |
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| 100 | 400 | Republic | Republic Iron & Steel Co | Uniontown |
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| 100 | 310 | Sterling | Consolidated C'ville Coal & Coke Co | Uniontown |
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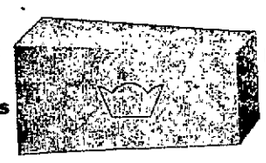
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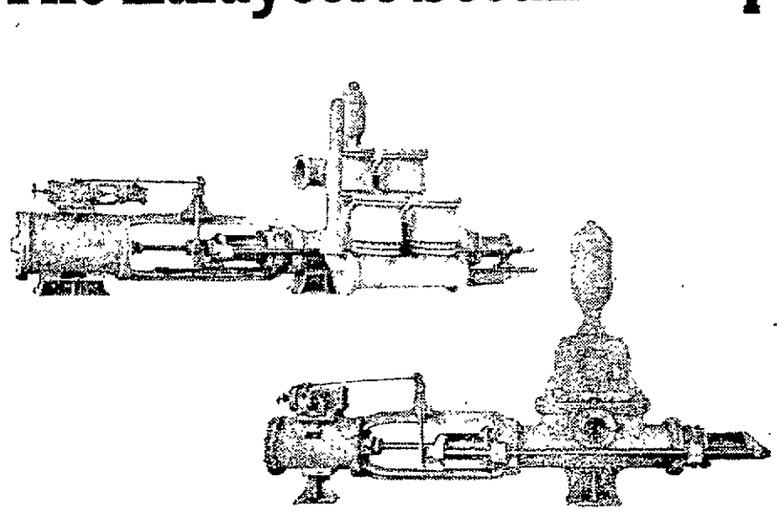
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## WHO IS THE HYPOCRITE?

The Courier's careful and impartial analysis of the very embryotic Connellsville Municipal League proposed by certain well meaning citizens and dominated by certain ill-designing Democrats provokes the rather hasty conclusion from the official organ of this new political trust that we are "still playing the hypocrite."

The News continues to be unfortunate in its language

Why should The Courier play the hypocrite? Nobody connected with this paper has any ambitions for municipal office, elective or appointive Can The News say as much for the Democratic junta which owns and controls its columns? A glance at the promoters of the alleged reform movement in Connellsville and a look at the list of stockholders of the Connellsville News Publishing Company warrants the assertion that the league movement, if not originally conceived in the interest of a Democratic faction has actually been taken over by that faction with a view to using it in the promotion of its plans to capture the Commission Government which some of its members have worked so hard to impose upon the taxpayers of Connellsville without their consent.

There is no hypocrisy in the protest of The Courier It protests in the name of the citizens It has no axes to grind. The insinuation that it is controlled by Boss Kephart is entirely gratuitous He has no interest in this paper or any voice in its management. He has not, in fact, exchanged a dozen words with the editor of The Courier in the past six months The Courier is not owned by any political faction and it knows no control but that of its editor It's different with The News It is the hypocrite But the editor cannot always help the fact He is under orders

The News further states that The Courier is "a vain and deceptive thing and cannot be trusted in municipal affairs" The Courier has never undertaken to conduct the municipal affairs of Connellsville hence there is no ground for the assertion that it cannot be trusted therein on the other hand the management of The News was at one time rather close to Connellsville's municipal affairs and to this day there are some people who insist that its administration of public affairs was not what it should have been The Courier has no desire to be harsh in this matter, but it again respectfully suggests that The News office needs a muzzle

The Courier has neither the time nor the space nor the inclination to follow the vain recriminations of the organ of the ambitious political syndicate, which is trying to capture Connellsville's first city government and in order to make our position plain to the people we desire to say now and finally, that we have opposed the Commission Government bill because we sincerely believe it to be an unwise plan of government but that if the bill becomes a law we will use our best efforts to promote good government under it. To that end, if the officers are elected on a non partisan ballot we shall advocate the election of the best men offering for the positions without regard to their political affiliations We believe in non-partisan home government, and that belief may be found in the files of The Courier long before The News was ever thought of

Finally, we say to the citizens of Connellsville that if we are to choose our city officers on a non partisan ballot, let it be a free for all race above all let it be free from the hypocritical interference of a political ring seeking the elevation of its own membership or those whom it may control in the distribution of offices and emoluments.

## THE MUNICIPAL LEAGUE

The Connellsville Municipal League has shaken itself free from politics It has declared with emphasis that it was never intended to be a political organization and that it refuses to be the tail of any political kite

The Connellsville News, personal organ of the political kite aforesaid, is loth to take the league's declaration seriously The News still insists that it is the public duty of the league to take part in politics particularly the election of a city government It is the duty of all good citizens to take a part in that election as we have elsewhere explained, but under the non-partisan ballot law they can do so individually just as efficiently as they could as an organization

The Municipal League was organized for moral uplift. Politics are always dangerous and often fatal to such organizations for the reason that the membership may have honest differences of opinion regarding the merits of candidates especially under non partisan primary and election rules and the endorsement of certain candidates to the exclusion of others is not calculated to promote harmony among citizens whose public aim and purpose rise higher than the spoils of office

The plan of the enterprising Kite Club was to dominate the Municipal League and use it as a moral endorsement of the Kite ticket and an uplift of the same and the Kiters seem determined to cling to the plan as long as there remains a shred of hope for it

The Union Pacific finds more trouble in getting rid of its Southern Pacific stock than it had in acquiring the same.

## CITY GOVERNMENT.

Some doubts are expressed as to whether Connellsville can take on city government under the Clark bill this year next year, or any other year Evidences are not lacking that this matter has been under anxious advisement by the political combine which has been planning to annex that same city government

A careful examination of the Clark bill a copy of which has just reached us, leads us to the conclusion that there is no reasonable doubt as to the status of the Embryonic City Under the decision of Judge Van Swearingen Connellsville will elect city officers at the coming November election Under the old law these officers would have taken their seats on the first Monday of December but the Clark act declares that such officers shall take their seats the first Monday in January 1914

The provision in the Clark act which authorizes certain city officers elected this fall to take their seats the first Monday in December 1913, applies only to cities now having city government the terms of whose officers expire at that time The intent of the law is to prevent these cities from being without any government during the month of December 1913 This might have been done just as easily and perhaps with more legal symmetry by extending the terms of the holding officers one month, but the framers of the bill preferred to add this month to the terms of the officers elected this fall

Connellsville is not in this class in fact Connellsville is in a class by itself, but it is plain that Article II of the Clark act fixes our status That article declares that we shall elect officers at the November election and they shall take their seats the first Monday in January 1914, and regularly thereafter

The Clark bill in its final form provides for the election of the city controller by the people instead of his appointment by the council as reported This is one of the saving features of the new law The office of controller is one which the people of Connellsville wanted in their city government as a separate coordinate independent branch acting as a check upon the expenditures of the council This officer should be a man of unimpeachable character and undoubted ability and his salary should be sufficient to justify such a man in accepting the position One of the mistakes of the law is that it does not fix the salary of the controller, but leaves that duty to the council The controller should not be dependent upon the council for anything whatever He should be absolutely free from the danger of duress or the suspicion of coercion

The decision of Judge Van Swearingen in no respect conflicts with the new law This decision merely was that Connellsville would elect its city officers in 1913 The amended law changes the date of their inauguration from the first Monday of December to the first Monday of January The statement that the Clark act does not repeal the old city act is not correct The Clark act specifically repeals the old law in so far as it conflicts with the new

Connellsville is therefore booked for city government under the Clark act beginning with the advent of 1914 and its city officers consisting of four councilmen a mayor and a controller will be chosen at the coming November election The election will be by non partisan ballot double the number of candidates being nominated at the primary which will be held on the last Saturday in September The bars are down the field is wide open there is no excuse for good men standing out This is a call to duty

All good citizens should take an active interest in the nomination and election of the new city administration for the reason that it will have large powers and great possibilities for good or evil It is a matter of business rather than politics of common sense instead of sentiment of public service, not private ambition We can only repeat the warning we have already uttered that commission government is ideal government when administered by ideal men but that in the hands of ignorant or corrupt men it is destined to be a costly experiment

## PERSONAL

Baffled and beaten in its carefully laid plan to capture the city government of Connellsville and build up a Democratic machine for personal and political profit a small coterie of bold adventurers through their personal organ, the Connellsville News have been venting their bitter disappointment upon the editor of this paper who it seems is aged and eccentric, feeble and tottering, several kinds of a liar and given to editorial ravings We leave the public to judge who is doing the raving and the lying

We regret to note that it has become a habit of our contemporary when it is beaten in a fair fight and chased off the reservation sacred to proven facts and reasonable conclusion, to halt on the other side of the fence and shrill out its vixenish vituperation of the personal character of the editor of this paper There is no reason why this should be The Courier discusses men and things in their public relation not in their private station and our contemporary will gain in public esteem when it adopts a similar rule

In his public relation, the editor of The Courier is perfectly willing to answer before the bar of public opinion The News has made two insinuations that bear upon quasi-public matters It asks why Editor Snyder played the hypocrite in the matter of the sale of a water company and it wants to know what part he played in "the transactions which made the Main street bridge free" He answers that he never played the hypocrite in the sale of any water company that he never took anything but a public-spirited part in the making free of the Youghiogheny bridge that his conduct in both matters was at no time nor in any respect dishonorable and that he defies anybody to prove otherwise

Bad names never made a good argument

The United States Supreme Court broadly hints that railroad cases should be tried before the railroad tribunals before being imposed on the civil courts Some of the railroad complications are puzzling even to the crystal mind of the court of final resort.

## EARLY CLOSING THOUGHTS

The name of Kobacker is familiar in Connellsville mercantile circles The first of the Kobacker merchants to come here was Morris His establishment was modest but his energy was unflagging his enterprise unfaltering his ambition boundless and it was not many years until the Kobacker stores were the biggest in Connellsville Morris Kobacker is no longer in Connellsville but Connellsville is never entirely absent from his thoughts as the following communication addressed to the editor of The Courier indicates

I am delighted to read in The Courier that the early closing movement in Connellsville has become an established custom When my brother and I were located in Connellsville we were in thorough sympathy with the early closing policy I felt at that time some 12 or 15 years ago that Connellsville had outgrown its cross-roads storekeeping manners and was ready to conduct its mercantile establishments upon modern methods, doing business in business hours and giving the employes a chance to rest when it is time to rest We thought that persons working in the stores were entitled to some diversion and some time to get acquainted with the dear ones at home I congratulate you upon your paper having assisted in this commendable movement

The early closing movement originated among the merchants themselves The Courier gave it cordial endorsement as a practical progressive movement Some business establishments are compelled to keep open for the benefit of the public but others are not The grocery stores have been closing early for some time past There is no reason why drygoods and most general merchandise stores should not close at the same time The public will accommodate itself to the change and the stores will do just as much business

On the other hand drug stores must remain open early and late to mitigate the sufferings of humanity theatres must open in the evening because few people have time to attend them during the day the trolley lines and the railroads must run at all hours and on Sundays to meet the demands of the traveling public some industrial establishments are obliged to run continuously and the labor shifts are not conducive to proper rest and recreation

There is therefore all the more reason why stores and other commercial establishments which can reduce their hours of labor without loss to the public or to themselves should do so

## COLD FEET

The endurance test in the Legislature has ended by the house fixing a date for adjournment There could be no other end to the fight if it may be dignified by that name The threats of the house either to the session to stay in Harrisburg all summer if the senate did not agree to certain legislation was silly and childish

The senate is a small body it works more rapidly than the house its members can equently have plenty of time to go home every week and look after their business The house members on the other hand are personally more limited in means Most of them have already spent all their legislative pay and are staying at the Capitol at some hardship to themselves They must come home soon They have no choice as to adjournment Their feet are too cold

If the house had dispatched its business with the same energy and similar economy in useless talk it would have been ready to adjourn long before now In private is often it is not well to talk too much and too long and it is worse in the conduct of public affairs

## LOCAL AND STATE ROADS

The automobile is undoubtedly responsible for the great awakening in Pennsylvania on the Good Roads question and while the motives were naturally somewhat benzine and not wholly public spirited such selfishness as may be involved is submerged in the general good

Nevertheless the joy riders should not be too critical Our attention has been called to the complaint of a Connellsville citizen and member of the Automobile Club of Fayette County, who objects to the brick road or section of road being built in Bullskin township because he says it is laid out to run up to the Kell Long and [illegible] Moretti farms and that it has no place to go after it gets there

The Bullskin township road is not a state road but a township road Its cost is paid equally by the township and the county that is the township builds a mile and the county builds the next mile The road is planned to follow the valley through to the Somerset pike which is now being rebuilt under state authority The Bullskin road has much better grades than the Mount Pleasant road and for eastern travel cuts off six or eight miles.

The complainant is not a taxpayer of Bullskin township and is not in a position to be dictatorial about the location of the brick road in question no matter whose barns it may pass The Bullskin authorities might have bricked the Mount Pleasant road to form part of a "highway" between county seats as provided in the Sproul law but such a road would skirt only a portion of the edges of the township, and would be of little value to Bullskin township people They want a permanent road through the heart of their township and that is what they have started to construct

They are building for themselves and judging from the map they are building wisely

The decision of the Supreme Court of the United States that one coal shipper cannot sue and recover rebates because they had been given to another shipper does not at first glance seem equitable but it must be remembered that the giving of rebates is illegal and that one wrong cannot be righted by another wrong The proper way to do justice in such cases is to compel the rebatee to make restitution

Pennsylvania's death rate is being kept down in spite of stream pollution and other disease breeding conditions. With ideal sanitary conditions some of our finest loafers would live forever.

## Abe Martin



Th' poorer a feller is th' more ferocious his water dog seems t' be

Lafe Bud bought a cabaret dinner th' other day an' says th' steak wuz only medium but th' song wuz raw

Each day ushers in some new kind o' ring heater

Th' course o' true love never runs smooth durin' th' young onion season

Miss Tawney Apple who wuz t' be married in June has decided t' stick t' th' Palace Bazar as th' hours are shorter

There's allus plenty o' harmony where nobuddy's got a chance

By a kind provision o' nature a feller never sees his last year's straw hat as others see it

Why does a chicken stand on th' curb

Miss Oatie Moots is trainin' hard fer her weddin' in June She has jist finished a course in rhubarb an' 'll take up silk sanitation next

Th' sixis abyssiniensis or Abyssinian wilow which Mrs Tipton Bud bought last fall is now one o' th' most promisin' wild cherry trees t' be found in this section

Ever' woman reaches th' age when she likes t' reflect real fast an' tell about th' chances she turned down when she wuz a girl

Th' commonest variety o' optimist is th' feller that thinks everything that hurts somebuddy else is fer th' best

The status of the East Park viaduct is to be established by legal proceedings Perhaps it is just as well but as a matter of equity it should not be necessary The county builds and keeps in repair all other bridges it is little as it could do to keep one in repair that has been provided free of [illegible] East Park was taken into Connellsville under a fair agreement and that agreement should be kept in spirit and in letter The Connellsville authorities should take care of the streets and sewers of East Park and to [illegible] should take over and keep up the viaduct

Balkan politics and Balkan pants continue in fashion

The Connellsville Italian who attempted [illegible] because he failed in business has not informed himself fully of American customs

[illegible] says the Bosses [illegible] Why does he linger?

The Leesantown Eagle blew itself [illegible] this morning About once a week it prints a few editorial paragraphs clothed in its own choice Bowery language and redolent with the odors of Soho's goat pastures It takes a week to think 'em up but they are always interesting if not always elevating

It is astonishing the number of people who believe in the Referendum as a means of "regulating everybody but themselves"

The township road supervisors are reminded of the fact that they are required to remove or cause to be removed the loose stones on the traveled highways in their districts at least once a month during May June August and October under penalty of fine

The United States Supreme Court has dispelled the illusion that the state railroad tribunals have nothing to say concerning the regulation of railroads It's the railroads that have nothing to say

A lobbyist said Senator Lea to the probing committee charged with the duty of running down President Wilson's bad dream about the Insidious Lobby is generally a man who is opposed to your view of legislation when he agrees with your interests he is an expert This senator has evidently never slept on his job

The explosive lamp is pretty nearly out of date but those still in use are just as dangerous as ever

The proposition advanced in a New York town to submit the question of Sunday baseball to a popular vote has caused many of the most enthusiastic advocates of the Referendum to pause This practical application of their theory to a proposition which will appeal to the weak as well as the wicked suggests the unwelcome thought that there are many other questions which they might consider inadvisable to submit to the operation of the Referendum

The vast and complex problem of currency reform is primarily in the hands of a Virginia editor He must be an exceptional editor if he is strong on financial wisdom

The Fayette county farmers will at their coming meeting discuss the cow The cow is so busy with the luxuriant green grass just now that she probably won't mind being talked about

A large Monongahela mining operation, about to resume after a long idleness announces that it will employ only picked men.' Here in the Connellsville coke region, employers have not been so particular It has been a case of anybody, Lord

The appointment of a woman as rural free delivery carrier out of Connellsville will be awaited with interest If she can weather the winter her qualification will doubtless be complete.

## The Election Bills.

Johnstown Leader

One of the interesting exhibits of the present moment is the squirming of the professed reformers of the Pennsylvania Washington party when it is proposed at Harrisburg to incorporate in the election laws a little real reform, with a view of enforcing honor or and political decency among folks who are not willing to practice those virtues voluntarily

One of the best of these measures promising real reform was passed by the senate with such opposition on the part of the Flinn outfit that it had a bare constitutional majority It is the bill which is intended to compel the voter to remain on his own side of the political fence at the primaries and to prevent him from helping to influence the nominations of other parties In the past it has been possible in a strong Republican district for example for enough members of that party to ask for Democratic ballots to control the nomination of the opposition Hereafter if the present bill becomes a law when a man is registered he will give his political allegiance and at the primary he must accept the ballot of that party only This will enforce a square line up and an honest deal at the primaries It is [illegible] relished by the Flinn followers who last year secured control of the Roosevelt convention at the primaries then organized the Washington party and then had the advantage of a double ticket for such persons as they favored They had hoped to pull off something of the kind this year again but the enrolment measure will prevent it

Another provision to which the Flinn people object and for a reason equally plain is that which would prevent a candidate from having his name on more than one ballot This is a blow at the interests of [illegible] for it removes the temptation for deals and trades between political bosses and manipulators Such a step has long ago been taken in nearly all the Progressive states of the West and it might be supposed that the Washingtonians of Pennsylvania would favor it But not so Knowing very well their inability to accomplish anything weaker they had hoped by playing a dog in the manger policy to force either the regular Republicans or the Democrats to make bargains with them by which they would receive something in return for places on their ticket They were ready to deal with anybody who would deal with them But the bill which will compel them to fight squarely and in the open will prevent them from dealing with [illegible] and make them stand up on their own feet

In the excellent reform movement which is meeting with the [illegible] opposition of the Flinn element is that which allows the injection of candidates into a contest at the [illegible] by nomination papers In the days when nominations were made by convention and it might be said that political bosses and not the people named the candidates there was perhaps some excuse for that arrangement But now that the voters themselves are to nominate all candidates at the primaries there is none whatever The man who takes part in a primary assumes a moral obligation to abide by the results of that election—in some counties of the state has been a practice to require a candidate to give a written pledge that he will do so While this proposed law will not compel him to support the candidate nominated at the primary it will prevent him from getting up a [illegible] nomination paper [illegible] once at the party at the primary [illegible]

Democratic statesmanship at Washington runs largely to wind From the end of Pennsylvania one of the [illegible] of the arts allied with the wind [illegible] demonstration Statesmanship like this never gets very far Honor [illegible] Abraham Lincoln's sister [illegible] saying very much but his force of character and his business training are bringing him respect and recognition His district will have no reason to be disappointed with their choice of a representative

Alaska is reported as being in full blast producing a large surplus of volcanic ashes

The Democratic United States Senate [illegible] further [illegible] the President [illegible] investigation [illegible] letters [illegible] New [illegible]

The [illegible] is [illegible] sitting a wide swath in Connellsville

Sidewalk coal holes are traps for innocent pedestrians and owners and occupiers are not wholly without responsibility for accidents caused by [illegible] coverings and defective adjustments

Breach of promise of marriage [illegible] larger cases [illegible] lawyers and a [illegible] for the defendant

Examinations for mine foremen are recently more searching than before In spite of increased opportunities for mining education the percentage of qualification grows smaller The standard has not been hurt by raising [illegible] so long [illegible] sooner [illegible] found out

Somerset county is planting beans probably to mix with its corn

The Fayette County Sunday School Convention would [illegible] in a [illegible] political meeting with J. Denny O'Neil running for something to be announced later

The Greene county jail which has been unoccupied for so long should be dusted up a bit

It is hoped that the new city government will be composed of men of business training and financial ability The finances of Connellsville are badly in need of rehabilitation

It has remained for a Connellsville man to save the snake story season from innocuous desuetude

The dust nuisance has grown appreciably in volume since the advent of the joy wagons It is one of the penalties of progress It would not be quite so bad however if the speed limit were strictly enforced and the water wagon sent around oftener

The results of the missing word contest in The Courier indicate quite [illegible] that advertisements in this paper are widely read by a very intelligent class of people

The Postmaster General is reforming the postal service with dispatch In 60 days he has removed 3 200 postmasters and his work is only well begun Civil service may be all right as a campaign cry but there is no practical politics in it

The state will have plenty of good material from which to select its mine inspectors and those who are not chosen will doubtless be called to other states or other positions of trust and profit Their examination certificates are worth money to them

The American Coal Mining Institute was booked for Wilkes Barre but it slipped over from the anthracite to the bituminous center

It is to be hoped that Democratic Currency Reform will command more of the country's confidence than Democratic Tariff Reform has gained

A West Side fishing club has very sensibly concluded to eat its fish dinner at home before starting out on a bacon-and-bean diet

Some of that 103° Manitoba weather seems to have come our way,

Ka[illegible] managers are devising [illegible] into [illegible] [illegible] they have to spend for their [illegible]

The Germantown [illegible] with him [illegible] the job

A hole or one of [illegible] Uniontown [illegible] $1 [illegible] wasn't much of a [illegible]

With [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible]

Whatever [illegible] in the open forum before all the [illegible] the Democratic Tariff bill now [illegible] through the Congress

It is [illegible] easy to [illegible] The list [illegible]

Two cent passenger rates on the railroads are well if the [illegible] also They are also economical

The W[illegible] the Con[illegible] [illegible] in the [illegible]

The old [illegible] Mount [illegible] Somerset [illegible] by the state [illegible] everything [illegible] if they can wait long enough

Secretary Bryan must feel embarrassed at the spectacle of Democratic administration making war on the natives of the Philippines

## OFFICERS CHOSEN

Fayette County Sunday Schools Select Leaders for Ensuing Year

Officers elected by the Fayette County Sunday School convention to serve for the ensuing year are as follows President [illegible] of Dawson vice presidents [illegible] and A W Jones [illegible] D Bever Fayette City [illegible] Stein Belle Vernon [illegible] Forsythe of Dawson treasurer P Markle of Uniontown [illegible] superintendent [illegible] Scottdale teacher training J [illegible] King of Smithfield home department Mrs J H Collins of Uniontown missions W S Collins of Mill Run temperance J W Dawson Uniontown secondary division [illegible] M Hall Uniontown registrar [illegible] C Jones J P Allen Connellsville It is probable the next convention will be held in Connellsville

### HIGH SCHOOL STAFF CHOSEN

Perry Township School Board Fills Three Vacancies

At a meeting of the [illegible] was upon school [illegible] Saturday night a new corps of high school teachers was elected as follows Principal J D Walters [illegible] Hevener assistant principal Miss Oma Stoner of [illegible] and Miss Helen S [illegible] of [illegible]

Prof T S Bracken principal of the high school for the past three years was not [illegible] Bracken's work was very [illegible] and is the result [illegible] in an excellent condition [illegible] teachers will be elected [illegible] date

### Somerset Cattle Shipped East

SOMERSET June [illegible] [illegible] Flouch left last night [illegible] in charge of five [illegible] shipped by D P Zimmerman [illegible] cars were loaded [illegible] Stoystown and one [illegible]

### Survey is Provided

HARRISBURG June [illegible] the bills passed by the Senate [illegible] day was one providing [illegible] to survey the route [illegible] and Washington in the [illegible] War of 1763 and 1764.

## Looking Backward.

News of the Past Condensed from the Files of The Courier

### June 15 1883

Low prices and dull condition of [illegible] upon [illegible] the coke region More than 1 000 ovens are out of blast in fortnight Of the 1 000 ovens in district one fourth are idle Some operators plan to shut down plants until prices improve

[illegible] are being made to organize [illegible] association

Coke prices range as low as 85 cents

Pennsylvania Railroad Company considers proposition to erect electric lights along right of way from Pittsburg to Philadelphia to do away with night flagmen

Pittsburg & McKeesport & Youghiogheny road completes track to Dickerson Run

[illegible] murderer of Captain Nutt is shot and killed by James Nutt a son of his victim at the [illegible] postoffice

Proceedings inaugurated to unfrock Rev [illegible] pastor of Baptist Church

Legislature appropriates $[illegible] 500 for state hospital in Connellsville

Grand jury makes favorable report on Pittsburg street extension over Trump Run

[illegible] companies complain of scarcity of freight cars

[illegible]sburg & Western Railroad [illegible] locate route through New [illegible]

Chartiers & Youghiogheny Railroad [illegible] Westmoreland county.

### June 16 1893

[illegible] ending June 16 coke production in Connellsville region [illegible] with 12 [illegible] ovens active and [illegible] idle Shipments for [illegible] cars Production [illegible] coke $1 90 [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] although there is still [illegible] Coke Company completes [illegible] large [illegible] supply Lemont [illegible]

[illegible] Coke Company purchases [illegible] interest in coal underlying [illegible] farm in South [illegible] township for $800 an acre

After a year of litigation Pittsburg [illegible] Two-thirds of [illegible] petition

New Haven school board organizes electing [illegible] president Dr G W [illegible] secretary and [illegible] Snyder treasurer [illegible]

Connellsville school board elects [illegible] following scale of [illegible] $100 [illegible] one to two [illegible] three to [illegible] and five or [illegible]

[illegible] speak easy proprietors of [illegible] ousted at Uniontown

[illegible] of Crawford monument [illegible] public meeting [illegible]

### June 12 1903

Coke production in the Connellsville region for the week ending June [illegible] was [illegible] tons with 20 803 ovens active and 1 267 out of blast Shipments for the week were 11 [illegible] cars

[illegible] Central Coal Company [illegible] from $10 [illegible] 000

[illegible] ovens with sliding bottoms [illegible] Smithton [illegible]

[illegible] cases of smallpox reported from south end of county

[illegible] Pennsylvania station [illegible] West Side

[illegible] Baltimore & Ohio spends $370 000 [illegible] Greenwood yards

[illegible] construction of New Haven National Bank building is resumed

David Forsythe well known throughout coke region found dead in [illegible]

Small coke operators of region trying to [illegible]

German township is divided into six voting districts

Nine new dwellings being erected [illegible] Fayette street

Residents file petitions remonstrating [illegible] incorporation of Everson [illegible]

Connellsville Club [illegible]

[illegible] park to be enlarged.

## SILVER ANNIVERSARY

Mr and Mrs A K Kooser Married Twenty-five Years

In the presence of a large number of friends and relatives Mr and Mrs A K Kooser celebrated their silver wedding anniversary Tuesday at their home [illegible] feature of the celebration being an elaborate dinner [illegible] Mrs Kooser received [illegible] gifts including silverware [illegible] Mr and Mrs [illegible] Mr and Mrs George [illegible] Mr and Mrs A C [illegible] Mr and Mrs Austin Kern [illegible] Mrs Walter [illegible] Mrs William [illegible] Mr and Mrs [illegible] Mr and Mrs [illegible] Mrs George [illegible] Mrs Showalter [illegible] Mrs West [illegible] Mrs Walter [illegible] Mr and Mrs [illegible] Mr and Mrs Jacob [illegible] Mrs [illegible] Henry [illegible] George [illegible] Miss Jennie [illegible] Miss Margaret Dull and [illegible] Connellsville [illegible] by Mrs Schmutz

# JUDICIAL INQUIRY WILL BEGIN TODAY; 150 WILL TESTIFY

**Probers May Return Next Week to Take More Evidence.**

## STAGE IS SET FOR HEARINGS

**Widespread Interest is Manifest in Proceedings, Many Attorneys Will be Asked to Throw Light on Matters Complained of, Brewers Surprised.**

UNIONTOWN June 18—The legislative inquiry into the charges made against Judges Umbel and Van Swearingen by Horatio S Dumbauld will begin here tomorrow afternoon Widespread interest is being shown in the case and it is expected the courtroom will be jammed when the proceedings open The inquiry will be conducted along the lines of a court trial

Sergeant at-Arms Ledden of the House and Dr Rhoades his assistant are today winding up the big task of serving the subpoenas It is expected that fully 150 will be asked to testify There is every indication that the hearing will not be concluded by Saturday In that event the committee will adjourn its sessions until the latter part of next week

Yesterday subpoenas were served on officials of the Pittsburg Brewing Company The subpoena server reports that the men called to testify were astounded They had not been following the trend of the inquiry and were not expecting to be called The men are John F Mueller C H Rd dah and William Ruski, officials of the Pittsburg Brewing Company and J R D Huston and Robert Whiteside alleged to have been connected with the proposed brewery merger

No service has been had on missing witnesses Sergeant at Arms Ledden declared that any man is foolish to remain away as the case is likely to hang on for some time to come and men absenting themselves on purpose might have to remain out of the state indefinitely Service is yet to be had on J I Feather George F Titlow R F Sample and G G Gans

Uniontown men were served today Among them were E H. Reppert E D Brown D M Hertzog Daniel Sturgeon R P Kennedy R F Hopwood P W Playford E W Boyd S B Boyd John Boyle C D Clarke George Patterson and J G Carroll

Neither side has announced who will represent it as counsel It is expected that the leading legal talent of the state will be aligned on opposing sides. The inquiry is to be sweeping This is indicated by the calling of witnesses who were not particularly active in the judicial campaign but who are in close touch with court matters One of these is former Judge E H Reppert

The committee will arrive in Uniontown tomorrow morning at 11 23 Tonight they will remain over in Pittsburg before coming to the county seat.

## SUPREME COURT APPEAL IS TAKEN TO SAVE TWO MEN

**Attorney Higbee Contends Judge Umbel Erred in Charging Jury Two Divorce Libels**

UNIONTOWN June 18—An appeal has been taken to the supreme court by Attorney F C Higbee in an effort to obtain a new trial for Frank Wells and Luigi DeLeo who are under conviction for first degree murder and will be executed unless the higher court or the pardon board interfere

Attorney Higbee contends that Judge Umbel erred in not instructing the jury that it could return one verdict for one of the defendants and another for the other This is a point on which the court has never yet clearly settled

Two libels in divorce were filed at the courthouse this morning Bruce Baer wants a divorce from Mary E Baer on the grounds of cruel and barbarous treatment They were married in Morgantown on July 4 1895 and lived at South Connellsville Mary Komarnvicka of Edenborn wants a divorce from Andy Komarnvicka on the grounds of desertion

## LOST HIS ARM

**Lower Tyrone Township Man Hurt in Sawmill Accident**

R. T Hutchinson 68 years old of Lower Tyrone township met with an accident Tuesday afternoon which resulted in the loss of his right arm While working at the saw mill on his farm his arm became fast in the machinery, the saw striking it about four inches below the shoulder He was brought to Connellsville and admitted to the Cottage State Hospital where he was resting easily today at noon

Alice Keffer 11 years old of Brownsville Frank Medditz 5 years old of Brookvale Mary Pauline Pyle 4 years old daughter of Freeman Pyle of the West Side and Bertha Shriver 6 years old of Brownsville underwent throat operations this morning

## ODD FELLOWS' MEMORIAL

**Four Oldest Somerset County Members Attend the Service**

SOMERSET June 17—The observance of I O O F Memorial Day on Sunday afternoon was featured by an address on Individual Responsibility by Dr Franklin E Hetrick of South Fork The graves of 50 deceased members of the local lodge were decorated The lodge now has a membership of 229 The services were in charge of Noble Grand William Coleman and Chaplain Austin D Shaffer

The four oldest Odd Fellows in the county participated in the observance as follows Washington Megahan Attorney John H Uhl George M Neff and William H Welfley, all of Somerset lodge

# TWENTY-THREE SUCCESSFUL IN TESTS FOR FIRE BOSS

**Oral Examination Will be Given Those Who Pass at the Armory Next Saturday**

Mine Inspector P J Walsh on Friday announced the successful candidates for fire boss certificates who took the examinations in the Ninth district The certificates will be issued to those who pass a successful oral examination at the armory next Saturday The oral test is the most important of all

The 23 winners were announced on the hoodoo day but Mr Walsh does not believe this will seriously affect their chances on the oral quiz The men who passed the examination were as follows

Joseph Salter Tarr Joseph I Brown Broadford Patrick Murphy Dunbar R D No 32 John Geisler Broadford William H Thomas Royal John H Brown Connellsville R D No 3 Albert Wagner Connellsville R. D No 3 William Welling Royal Edward I Prindlinger Everson George Laugarey Grindstone John Bales Juniata Henry Keffer Dunbar R D No 32 John W Tedrow Connellsville Frank Beranek Tarr Robert McLaughlin Dunbar R. D No 32 Edward Arnett Vanderbilt Andrew J Miller Trotter Edward Burns Yukon Edward Dunlap Vanderbilt Joseph A. Greaves Dunbar Ralph E Geo Vanderbilt Peter Coval Connellsville Robert Pinkney Juniata

Inspector D R Blower of the Eleventh Bituminous district has made public the list of successful candidates in the examination held by Mr Blower W F Henderson of Greensburg and Robert Blackburn of Mount Pleasant with Edward Stauffer of Scottdale as clerk The class shows well in numbers out of the 56 examined and this result may be largely attributed it was said by the examiners to the mining schools in the Eleventh district In the Scottdale Y M C A there has been a very active class under the experienced direction of Edward Quinn of Everson and at Trauger there was an instructor from the Scranton School of Mining had a class

Those who passed for fire boss certificates were as follows Frank Lindsay Scottdale James Fullerton Trauger Henry Hennessy Stauffer Frank Campbell South West John Petroske Calumet Clarence Koontz Mount Pleasant Thomas Franey Mount Pleasant R F D No 3 William Kirtley Greensburg R F D No 1 Thomas Hulles United J F Myers Greensburg Joseph E Gomy South West John Hilwig Greensburg Walter Jones United John Stepanic Mount Pleasant James H Strong Greensburg R F D No John O Neil Trauger James Dizort Mount Pleasant and James W McKenna Mount Pleasant

Those getting First Grade Mine Foremen's certificates are Joseph T Fernek of Mount Pleasant Joseph W Petroskey Youngwood John F Hayden Greensburg and Samuel Kenna Mount Pleasant.

Those receiving Second Grade Assistant Mine Foreman's certificates are Robert Bush of Pleasant Unity Robert Conlin Mammoth George F Blaine Mount Pleasant John F Petrosky Calumet Albert Eustis Crow's Nest G W Smith Trauger Elmer Hawke Trauger Harry H Reed Mount Pleasant Robert Turner Marguerite Henry Hennessy Stauffer and R C Cramer South West Two of the class Bush and Hawes had certificates before this

The oral examination will be held Tuesday June 17 in the Reid hall where the first examination was held the hour being 9 o clock in the morning It is necessary for candidates to qualify in the oral examination to secure their certificates

Of the 105 men who took examinations for mine foreman assistant mine foreman and firfleboss 57 passed Mine Inspector I G Roby has just made public the list of successful applicants who will be given the oral test to determine whether certificates shall be issued

Fire Boss—Gar Braden Uniontown William K McElroy Oliver Hugh L McCann, Uniontown Andrew Lerch West Leisenring Martin J Murphy Uniontown William Coburn Lemont Furnace William Potter Uniontown Frank Wilson Percy Frank Mechinko Newcomer John A Jordan Uniontown James Costello Oliver Charles Peagan Uniontown Clyde J Brehm Uniontown Richard Wilson Fairchance Lewis Stemnock Newcomer Joseph F McArdle Uniontown Peter Sifton Waltersburg Thomas Davis Lemont Furnace David C Goodwin Lemont Furnace John E Ramage Lemont Furnace Frederick Longdon Waltersburg William Kennedy Uniontown W Torrance Keifer Uniontown Charles C Grimm Jr Oliver James Goodwin Mt Braddock W C Hatfield Mt Braddock Thomas Davis Lemont Furnace David H McDowell Oliphant Furnace Robert C Cole Percy John Lewellyn Oliver John A. Harvey Oliphant Furnace Oliver J Wiggett Waltersburg William McCoy Uniontown John Yonhazie Hellen John I Lewis Oliver John Donohue Uniontown Lewis G Reiber Uniontown Charles K Dawson Hopwood

Mine Foremen first grade—Fred W Horwath Brownsville Gar Braden Uniontown W Torrence Kiefer Uniontown William B Shultz Uledi William Stevenson Lemont Furnace George O Brien Uledi Andrew Lerch West Leisenring Austen J Kane Lemont Furnace

Mine Foremen second grade—Edward F Boyle Lemont Furnace William B Shultz Uledi Fred F Horwath Brownsville Elmer L Fox West Leisenring William Stevenson Lemont Furnace George O Brien Uledi Andrew Lerch West Leisenring Austen J Kane Lemont Furnace

Assistant Mine Foremen—William H Davis Oliver Edward F Boyle Lemont Furnace John R Lewis Oliphant Furnace George W Laughrey Uniontown R D 2 William R McElroy Oliver William Baird Waltersburg John Snyder Hellen James H Decker Uledi Martin J Murphy Uniontown Frank Loukota Oliphant Furnace

**Breaks Window, Arrested**

W T Sutton was arrested today by Constable James Mitchell for breaking a large plate glass window in the Atlas Hotel, South Connellsville

# NEGRESS ACQUITTED OF MURDER IS SENT TO DIXMONT ASYLUM

**Session of Sentence Court Held With Both Judges on Bench.**

## MINOR OFFENDERS PUNISHED

**Mary Moss Acquitted of Murder Because of Insanity Goes to Asylum License for Uniontown Hotel Transferred on Petition of Proprietors**

UNIONTOWN June 17—Mary Moss the negress acquitted of the murder of Mrs Hattie Patterson at Waltersburg because of insanity was sentenced to the Dixmont asylum in sentence court today Both judges were on the bench when the sentences were imposed on a number of offenders

Cato O Neil convicted of larceny was sent to the workhouse for four months Mike Kozor was paroled for 18 months for obstructing an officer and assault and battery

Mary Warman was sent to jail 30 days for assault and battery Stanley Mareska found guilty on a serious charge was given 60 days to jail

William Flannery when arraigned before the court for desertion and non support agreed to pay his wife $4 a week

Ernest Lieb was given the usual sentence of $7 fine or nine months to the workhouse for carrying concealed weapons but the court indicated that sentence would be suspended if someone would look after the man Lieb is said to be weak minded

Walter Fanlin was given a year to the workhouse for assault and battery Clyde Smith convicted of larceny was sent to jail for three months

Steve Kick on a carrying concealed weapon charge was fined $5 or nine months to the workhouse

James Blanner convicted of a serious charge agreed to pay the girl in the case $1 50 a week

On petition of Rush & Rush Judge Umbel approved the transfer of the liquor license for the West End Hotel Uniontown to Rush Brothers

## WAR VETERAN DIES

**James R Armstrong Had Been Ill for Seven Weeks**

James Russell Armstrong 73 years old died at the home of his daughter Mrs M F Townsend near Flatwoods Perry township Monday after an illness of seven weeks Funeral from the Townsend home Wednesday morning at 11 o clock

Mr Armstrong was a Civil War veteran and one of the most prominent farmers of Perry township He was born and reared near Carmichaels Greene county In 185 he married Mary Craft To the union six children were born the following of whom survive George I Armstrong of the West Side Connellsville Mary I wife of M F Townsend Flatwoods Harriet A wife of C L V Tate Uniontown John F and William L Eryopolis and Leonora E wife of Attorney C L Davidson of Uniontown The surviving brother and sisters are R H Armstrong of Jefferson Pa Mrs Elizabeth Shirnneck Greene County and Mrs Mary F Rinehart Browning, Mo

Mr Armstrong was a member of Company D Twenty second Regiment Pennsylvania Volunteer Cavalry known as the Ringgold cavalry He was mustered into service September 6 186 and served to the end of the war He moved from Greene county to Fayette County in 18 8 His wife died on October 10 1907 and for the past four years he had made his home with his daughter Mrs Townsend

## WOMAN DROPS DEAD

**Aged Woman Had Lived Her Life in Somerset County**

Mrs Mary Anna Ravenscraft 7 years old a resident of Somerset County virtually all her life dropped dead at her home at Sand Patch Sunday in the presence of her two sons Theodore and Howard Mrs Ravenscraft had been a sufferer of heart trouble and asthma for some time but on Sunday morning she arose apparently in her usual health The funeral party will leave the house tomorrow morning at 10 o clock for Johnson cemetery near Frostburg Md where the interment will be made

Mrs Ravenscraft was born March 23 18 in Somerset County Her maiden name was Mary Ann Deal Her husband John Ravenscraft died 0 years ago The following children survive Theodore and Howard Ravenscraft at home Lloyd Ravenscraft of Sand Patch John T Ravenscraft of Vale Summit Md Mrs T H Lindeman and Mrs M J Levengood of Meyersdale Mrs J O Ravenscraft of Minnie's Choice Pa and Mrs M J Kerrigan of Connellsville Thirty one grandchildren also survive.

**POLICEMAN IS ACQUITTED**

**Jury Holds He Slew Two in Self-Defense**

UNIONTOWN June 16—The jury in the case of Johnson R Hutchcraft the Fayette City policeman on trial for the murder of Simon Petros and Mike Barnat in the Fayette City police station last Fourth of July returned a verdict of not guilty on the ground of self defense

Petros and Barrat were shot by Hutchcraft when he was attacked by the two men and several others in the Fayette City police station

**Engineer Killed by Auto**

W B Burd an engineer on the Pittsburg Virginia & Charleston railroad running between Pittsburg and Brownsville was killed near Irwin Sunday when an automobile that he had recently purchased upset

**Flush a Sewer**

A sewer on First street West Side that had been clogged for several days was flushed this morning

# 46 PASS TEST FOR PLACES AS STATE MINE INSPECTORS

**Results of Examinations Held in Pittsburg are Announced 26 Vacancies Exist.**

A W Calloway, president of the Pennsylvania Bituminous Coal Mine Inspectors Examining Board has announced the result of the regular examination for mine inspectors held in Pittsburg in April From a class of 107 persons 46 were successful Governor John K Tener will select 26 of this number for a four year term as mine inspectors for the 26 bituminous districts in this state The remainder will be eligible to appointment to fill vacancies as they occur The names of the successful ones follow

Thomas K Adams Mercer Joseph Knapper Philipsburg I C Roby Uniontown C B Ross Latrobe Ellis Phillips DuBois Alex McCanch Monongahela Joseph William Moore Thomas D Williams Johnstown Alex Monteith Patton D R Blower Scottdale John F Bell Monongahela Charles J McGregor Carnegie P W Cunningham Charleroi W H Howarth Brownsville Thomas S Lowther Punxsutawney P J Walsh Connellsville Nicholas Evans Johnstown Thomas A Furness Punxsutawney Arthur Neale Irwin C F Byrne McKeesport Thomas A Mather Tyrone P F Callaghan Bridgeville David Young Freeport Edward I Girod Uniontown Richard Maize Somerset John I Pratt 7 40 Bennett street Pittsburg William Langan Hite William Lauder Elizabeth Thomas H Thompson Finleyville Thos. I Suffolk Elizabeth James I Stoutt Johnstown William C Duncan Dawson I S King Smithfield [illegible] McDonald Hannastown H C Horwath Monongahela W J McGregor McDonald C H Crocker Johnstown W P Pillingon Van Meter Geo H Dille care Bureau of Mines Pittsburg John F McIntyre Uniontown R F D No 4 Harry Fathyon West Middlesex T A Stevenson Conemaugh C A Millward Lambert (R F D) E A Morgan Jenners H O Millward Brownsville (R F D) Charles F [illegible] Mount Sterling

## MINERS COURT DANGER

**Shooting From Solid is Most Risky Practice in the Industry**

Advance sheets of this report for 1912 show that John Laing chief of the Department of Mines makes the pronouncement that shooting off the solid has been nearly eliminated in West Virginia It is added to this statement by the fact that the miners are making a strenuous effort to secure the repeal of a law recently enacted in Oklahoma prohibiting this highly dangerous practice

Government statistics show that more than 45 per cent of all the fatalities in mines are due to falls of roof one of the principal causes of these falls is the shooting off the solid which is also more likely to blow out the tamping than the coal in mines, thus causing an explosion that may wipe out scores of lives

This dangerous practice has been discouraged in West Virginia by a vigilant system of inspection backed by relentless prosecutions of offenders The 1911 report of the Chief of the Department of Mines shows that miners were fined an aggregate of $1 305 for shooting off the solid in that year This vigorous enforcement of the law evidently had its effect in 1912.

**CAN RAISE RATES**

**West Virginia Coal Roads May Make 10 Cent Advance**

Freight tariffs cancelling through rates and routes on soft coal from West Virginia and Kentucky mines across the Great Lakes to Milwaukee and other Northwestern destinations were ordered withdrawn by the Interstate Commerce Commission

Operation of the proposed tariffs would have resulted in the application of alleged prohibitive rates closing routes which have been open for many years Existing rates were held to be low and the carriers are permitted to increase them 10 cents a ton

**TWO CENT FARE UPHELD**

**Supreme Court Declares States Have Right to Fix Rates**

WASHINGTON June 10—The Supreme Court yesterday upheld the right of the states to fix intrastate railroad rates in the Minnesota two cent fare case The court held that the rates of the Minneapolis & St Paul railroad were confiscatory and unconstitutional but not those of the Northern Pacific and Great Northern

The Supreme Court held that the burden is on the railroads to prove that a rate is confiscatory The right of the State to fix rates is established

**Opening New Heading**

The Consolidation Coal Company is opening a new mine at Wilson Creek Somerset County to supplant the old workings the mine at which place is approaching exhaustion The new heading has already been driven some distance into the coal

**To Build Puddling Mill**

A new plant for the manufacture of high grade muck bars is to be built at Danville Pa by Howe & Samuel who have been carrying on this line of manufacture in part of the property of the Danville Structural Tubing Company

**His Services Come Cheap**

John Hays Hammond the eminent consulting mining engineer who usually gets $1 000 a day for his services last week was a witness in a New York court where he was allowed $1 50 a day

**Locomotive Orders Heavy**

Locomotive orders are so great that the Baldwin Locomotive works will have a night and day shift at work for a good many months to come

**Big Tax Payment**

The United States Steel Corporation will pay $17 179 into the treasury of New Jersey this year as taxes on its capital stock of $868 583 600

**Abandon Old Mine**

The Old Piper mine at Benscreek Pa after being in operation for 60 years has been abandoned and dismantled

# WILL OCCUPY NEW MAIN ST. BUILDING ON OCTOBER FIRST

**Woolworth Building Superintendent Looks Over the Work.**

## DUGGAN IS TWO WEEKS BEHIND

**Foundation Was to Have Been Completed on July 1 but Will be Finished on the Fifteenth Material for Building is on Way to Connellsville**

Although Contractor John Duggan is hurrying the work of removing the old Presbyterian Church and erecting the foundations for the new Woolworth building on Main street he is two weeks behind in his contract and it is probable that the work will not be completed before the middle of July The contractor expects to have a portion of the foundation completed before July 1 but will be unable to have the work completed in accordance with the provisions of his contract

When Duggan began the work it was with the understanding that it was to be completed in 30 days Inclement weather and other causes have resulted in much time being lost Discussing the situation on Friday C M Wilson of Wilkes Barre building superintendent of the Woolworth company stated that the work of construction will be completed as soon as possible and that the company will open the store for business by October 1

Iron steel and other material used in the construction of the building has been ordered and much of it has been shipped by the manufacturers The first cars are expected to arrive here in a few days The construction of the main building will be done under the direct supervision of Mr Wilson Local men will be employed for the work but it is not expected that a contract for it will be awarded

The building will be one of the most modern of the large string of stores owned by the company in Pennsylvania The floor space will be ample for the many departments of the business F W Woolworth Company has several buildings new and in course of construction in the state One at Oliphant is virtually completed and it is expected that the opening will be held in a few weeks Others are at York Lititz Williamsport and Beaver Falls

Mr Wilson left this afternoon for Pittsburg He expects to return in a few days.

**REACH NO VERDICT**

**Somerset County Will be Asked to Act in Death at Sawmill**

Coroner H J Bell of Dawson conducted an inquest into the death of Harry McClintock of Hyndsville on Thursday night at Funeral Director [illegible] establishment The jury was composed of W K Stout Frank Bradford J T Evans William McCormick A F Hood and B Jordan McClintock died at the Cottage State Hospital from injuries suffered when a steam pipe of the [illegible] Lumber Company at Humbert burst

Testimony was given by one witness No verdict was given by the jury and Coroner H J Bell will turn the matter over to the Somerset authorities

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## GARY MORE CAREFUL

**Admits He Made Mistakes When Only a Steel Trust Director**

NEW YORK June 12—Judge Elbert H Gary chairman of the United States Steel Corporation was called upon yesterday by Government counsel in the suit to dissolve the corporation to explain certain alleged contracts entered into by the corporation with competitors under which they agreed to stay out of the steel business

The witness was asked to reconcile them with the policy of fostering competition which he had testified had been the aim of the corporation since its organization

"I don't think that as a director I was as careful in those days as I am now" volunteered Judge Gary when he had not entered the word of the Shelby Tube Company which the corporation subsequently took over

The Carnegie Steel Company it has had a contract to supply steel to the Shelby Tube Company under which according to the minutes of the finance committee the Carnegie Company could arrange its prices so as to keep the Shelby company from losing business

**SMOKE ABATEMENT**

**Powdered Coal May Help Solve Perplexing Problem**

J M Searle chief smoke inspector of Pittsburg D I Menell of the Jones & Laughlin Steel Company and W I Forter of the Blake Crusher & Pulverize Company of Pittsburg were at Lebanon the last week in May for the purpose of inspecting the installation of powdered coal equipment in use by the American Iron & Steel Manufacturing Company with a view of making similar installations in the Pittsburg district for the elimination of smoke and for fuel economy

The Lebanon company is utilizing powdered coal in all departments of its works the first installation having been made 12 years ago

**THE COAL TRADE**

**Prices are Better and Demand Continues to be Brisk**

Conditions in the coal trade are satisfactory from an operating standpoint in the Pittsburg district The buying movement is brisk but the sellers are making no advances Prices are greatly improved

Car shortage looms prominently Labor conditions are generally satisfactory Lake shipments are big Conditions in West Virginia continue unsettled The labor situation is satisfactory

**BY PRODUCT OVENS**

**Construction Work Starts on Republic Company's New Plant**

Actual construction work has begun on the first ovens of the by product coke plant of the Republic Iron & Steel Company at Youngstown and it is hoped to have them operating by the end of the year The plant will be of the Koppers type and is the first of this character for this company

**Rails are in Demand**

For the first time in the history of that trade the light rail mills are running three and four weeks behind in orders The year's record promises to be the best ever

**Increased Rate Cancelled**

The Chesapeake & Ohio railroad has cancelled a proposed increase of 17 cents a ton in the rate on coal from the New River and Kanawha districts to Washington

# ANOTHER LANDMARK DOOMED; WAREHOUSE TO TAKE ITS PLACE

**Old Murray Building in Meadow Lane to be Razed.**

## IS TOWN'S OLDEST DWELLING

**Built Century Ago by Robert MacGuire Who Had a Jewelry Store in the Morton Block on Main Street, Wood is Well Preserved Despite Age**

Old landmarks that have been familiar sights for years are being razed one by one to make way for buildings of modern construction Work of demolishing one of the oldest of these the Murray property in Meadow lane will be started in a few days The building is to be torn down by its owner John D Frisbee who will erect a large warehouse in its place

The exact age of the Murray building is not definitely known but it is more than a century old The building is believed to be the oldest in town It was first erected by Robert MacGuire several additions have been made to it and it now consists of six rooms with a kitchen in the rear The building is two stories high

Although the old building has been used as a warehouse for a number of years traces of the character of the place are still visible Leading from the first to second floors is an old fashioned stairway that ascends almost vertically It is less than two feet in width and difficult to ascend On the first floor are three of the old fashioned fireplaces one in the front room one in the dining room and one in the rear room and one in the rear room The fireplaces are substantial

The lumber in the interior of the house is well preserved Great oak beams formed the framework upon which the structure was erected and they are in excellent condition Later improvements to the house have covered much of the old framework and while they have destroyed the frame work still gives evidence of the thoroughness of the old carpenters

As nearly as can be learned the house was erected more than a century ago by Robert McGuire who lived in it until his death Mr McGuire was a silversmith and conducted his business in the old Morton property on Main street now occupied by Huston's drug store Following his death his daughter Mrs Joseph Murray fell heir to the property and she lived in it for many years After her death her daughter Mrs Sadie Robbins secured it Then it passed into the hands of the Methodist Episcopal Church which sold it to Mr Frisbee

The owner will raze the building to erect a modern warehouse The new building will be of frame and brick construction and will be 65 feet square

For years the pump on the Murray property was famous It was then the town drinking fountain The water was cool and sparkling at all times pure as water can be When the boundaries of Connellsville did not extend beyond North South and East streets it was not uncommon for the majority of the householders to get their drinking water from the Murray well For the stranger within the city's gates the well was always pointed out and few visitors left without sampling its nectar

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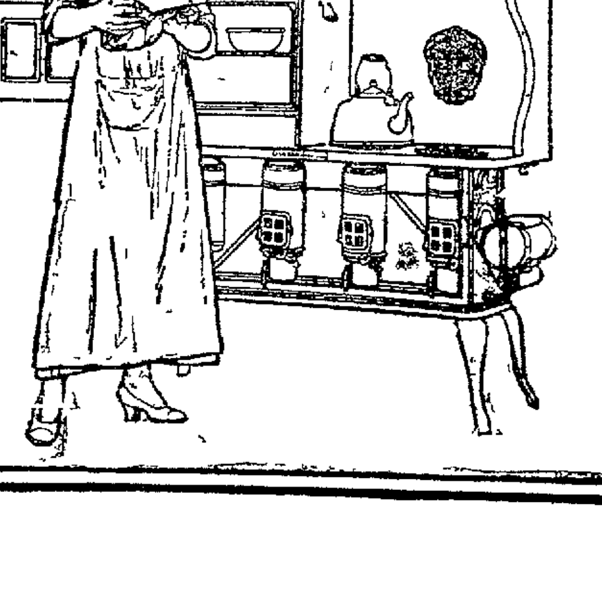
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# BABY FALLS FROM A MAN'S ARMS; DROPS 40 FEET TO DEATH

**Infant Tumbles Over Porch Railing to the Paving Below.**

## A SAD TRAGEDY IN SCOTTDALE

**Little Child of Mr and Mrs Albert Shank of Connellsville, Slips from the Grasp of Emmet Halfhill Relative, Calamity Saddens a Visit.**

Falling from a third story porch Albert Shank, the infant child of Mr and Mrs Albert Shank of Connellsville was crushed to death Saturday afternoon at Scottdale. The baby had just been taken into the arms of Emmet Halfhill a relative when it plunged over the railing to the pavement in the rear yard a distance of 40 feet. Death was instantaneous

As told by eye witnesses the baby 17 months and seven days old had just been taken in the arms of Halfhill, who had a great affection for the tot. Mr Halfhill was so shocked by the accident that he attempted to follow the baby to the ground and was only prevented from ending his life by his daughter Mrs I W Risherberger, who caught him She had a desperate struggle with the crazed man and was reinforced by Claire Aultman another tenant of the Overholt apartments, where the tragedy occured who had picked up the body of the baby and brought it up stairs Mr Halfhill has been constantly watched since the tragedy to prevent him doing himself harm

The mother too was prostrated by the terrible death of her little one and Dr S B Gray and Dr O I H ss were in attendance upon her following the accident for several hours Her nervous system was badly wrecked by the accident and friends have grave fears for her health

Mr Shank the father of the dead child was at Leisenring No 2 at work and an automobile was sent over for him He was brought to Scottdale about 7 o clock that evening John Jones and Mr Halfhill met Mr Shank at the door and the meeting was an affecting one

The child had struck the pavement in the rear yard so that its neck was broken and its skull crushed There were no wounds on the body it is said Claire Aultman who was in the rear was the first to reach the body and picked it up putting his coat over the childs face He took the body around to the Pittsburg street side of the apartments and ran up stairs and summoned physicians to care for the mother whose condition was serious in the extreme

Mrs Shank who is a daughter of the late Mr and Mrs Jacob Me n of Pennsville was visiting with her little son at Pennsville on account of the renovating of the Shank home in Connellsville She had visited at Mr and Mrs Emmet Halfhill s in Pennsville Mrs Halfhill being a sister of Mrs Shank They came over to Scottdale on Saturday and were visiting Mr and Mrs Frank W Fisherberger another relative Mr and Mrs Fisherberger who come from the vicinity of Iron Bridge had come back from Youngstown Ohio a week before and took apartments in the Overholt flats

Mrs Earl Riley was also in the room when the accident happened There were several who saw it It is said that Mr Risherberger had the child in his arms and given it over to Mr Halfhill who was sitting on the little porch Mr Halfhill said that just as he took the baby it gave a little spring in his arms and went out over the porch railing He grabbed sideways for the child but only touched its clothing and the little one dropped straight down to death

Mrs C W McKee wife of Doctor McKee living on Chestnut street just below saw the baby fall and was prostrated by the sight She required medical treatment

Miss Mae Truxall a trained nurse who lives near Iron Bridge was passing the apartments at the time of the accident and Mr Fisherberger engaged the nurse to care for Mrs Shank Miss Truxall has been in constant attendance upon the stricken mother since the tragedy

Halfhill is a roller in the Old Meadow mill and is well liked He is broken up over the sad affair

Undertaker J E Sims of Connellsville took charge of the body and prepared it for burial The body was taken to Pennsville on Sunday afternoon and the funeral services held at 2 o clock Monday with interment in the Baptist cemetery

## MRS STELLA CARROLL

**Former Connellsville Resident Dies After Lingering Illness**

Following a lingering illness Mrs Stella Carroll 26 years old a former Connellsville resident died on Saturday at the home of her parents Mr and Mrs Harry Walters at Masontown Funeral Monday afternoon

Mrs Carroll left Connellsville about a year ago She was the widow of Frank Carroll formerly superintendent of the Port Royal mines She attended the California State Normal school and was a graduate of the New York School of Ceramic Art and the New England Conservatory of Music Until the beginning of her illness she had classes in china painting in Connellsville Uniontown Meyersdale Berlin and other points in the two counties In addition to her parents and one brother Jefferson Walters three children survive Elizabeth Margret and Frances

**Township Board Meeting**

Business of a routine nature was transacted at the regular meeting of the Dunbar township school board held Saturday evening in the Arlington Hotel. A meeting of the board will be held Saturday evening, June 28 at the Arlington Hotel to go over the tax duplicate.

# MEMORIAL SERVICE HELD FOR ENGINEERS AND WIVES

**Many Attend Impressive Ceremonies at the Christian Church Superintendent French Talks**

Impressive memorial services were held Sunday morning in the Christian Church by Division No 50 Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and the Grand International Auxiliary for the deceased engineers and their wives The engineers met at the lodge room in the Title & Trust Building and marched in a body to the church where they were met by the auxiliary

The services opened with the singing of Nearer My God to Thee, followed by a scripture reading and prayer During the singing of 'Life is Like a Mountain Railroad a committee composed of G W Durnell James Wardley Mrs E M Douglass and Mrs Edward Marsh placed pink and white carnations in vases in memory of the deceased Rev J P Allison, the pastor delivered an appropriate address Superintendent C L French of the Baltimore & Ohio railroad followed him with an address A song by the daughters of engineers was then rendered The church was decorated in cut flowers and a handsome floral design of roses lilies and carnations The following is a list of the deceased engineers

Died from natural causes—Isaac M Drew James Gray Timothy Higgins Thomas Warner Thomas Madigan Harry Atkinson John Broombaugh James Emery Harvey B Hurt William Otto, William Wertz Henry B Boyd Edward Stevens Edward C Wright Quincey L Pore William Shipley William A. Oliver Archey McPhee John E Zimmerman William Bradley Stephen Wadsworth Nicholas Hoye Killed in accident—Samuel Kauffman Peter Brinle James C Cooper George W Reynolds John Graft John Younkin James Moore James Noonan Elias Sullivan George Wallace Edward Helms Samuel Swarner John Collins Calvin Curtis Robert Guthrie James Cypher William Thornley Calvin Zufall Harry Shepherd James Durnell and A D Wolfe Deceased wives of engineers—Mrs Hughes Mrs Stevens Mrs Helms Mrs Archie McPhee Mrs Anna Warner and Mrs George Whipkey

# CHURCH IS ERECTING A NEW SCHOOL ON THE WEST SIDE

**Holy Trinity Parish Has 50 Pupils of School Age Enrolled Holds Summer Session**

A school building to accommodate the children of the parish is being erected in the rear of the Holy Trinity Roman Catholic Church on Seventh street West Side It is expected that the building will be completed in a week

With 150 families in his parish Rev Father J Lamnewski has 50 children of school age to educate The pupils are divided in two classes and during the winter months are taught by women teachers Both the English and Polish languages taught

In the months of August and September when summer school is in progress instruction is given only in Polish Leo Ostiszowski of Everson a student of Carnegie Technical Institute Pittsburg will have charge of the summer school

The new school building is commodious and adequate for the purpose intended Six days of the week school will be in session and on Sunday the various church societies will use the building

Contractor John Duggan has presented the congregation with the large chandelier from the old Presbyterian Church It consists of 15 electric and a like number of gas lights

The surroundings of the church property are being improved An old frame building that stood at the side of the edifice has been torn down and in its place will be made a lawn The interior of the church has also been somewhat renovated

# FIRST EXAMINATION ON

**Civil Service Tests Being Given in Federal Building Saturday**

The first civil service examination to be held in the new federal building took place Saturday Twelve candidates for positions under supervision of the civil service took the tests. Seven of them are applicants for the postmastership at Ohiopyle and five for a clerk carrier position in the Connellsville office

The examinations were conducted by President J E Collins and Secretary Pearl Robinson of the examining board When the candidates arrived at the postoffice Saturday it was found that the quarters provided for the civil service department were too small There was not sufficient room in the offices to adequately accommodate the candidates This difficulty was overcome by throwing open an adjoining room

Among the candidates for the clerk carriership is a negro He is Charles E Strange Others taking the test are Robert A Mulac Alvey S Martz Hilda F Shumaker, of Connellsville Marian J Fieldson Dickerson Run and Minerva Keffer of Bullskin township Those participating in the postmaster test are John W Holt Cyrus Show Johnson G Morrison Theodore C Marietta Milton J McFarland of Ohiopyle and George W Lafferty of Jenners

**PLAN UNION PICNIC**

**Permanent Committee is Chosen to Handle the Details**

Plans are rapidly progressing for the union picnic of the Connellsville Sunday schools to be held Thursday July 24 at Killarney Park The committees met Thursday at the Y M C A all churches being represented with the exception of the First Baptist and the Christian

H L Kripps was elected chairman Robet Grimm secretary and D H Flick treasurer There are thirteen committeemen Another meeting of the committees will be held next Tuesday evening at the Y M C A. instead of Thursday evening

**Bruceton Man Dies**

David Maver, about 65 years old died Thursday morning at his home near Bruceton W Va. The interment was made at Somerset.

# MARY G. PORTER'S WILL UPHELD BY ORPHANS' COURT

**Motion to Set it Aside Dismissed at Cost of Petitioner.**

## HUSBAND LOSES A LONG FIGHT

**Court Holds that Woman was Mentally Capable of Making Will Four Days Before She Died, Gave Bulk of the $75,000 Estate to Her Brother**

UNIONTOWN, June 16—That Mary Gibson Porter was of sound mind when she made her will four days before her death on November 17 1912 is the decision of Judge F C Work in orphans court A lengthy opinion in the litigation over a $75 000 estate finds that there was not sufficient to warrant setting aside Mrs Porter s will The costs are placed upon the petitioner

The bulk of the $75 000 was willed by Mrs Porter to John Gibson her brother and members of his family To Newell A Porter the husband who later attacked the document she left $10 000 Porters own note for $6 000 which she held the hay grain and machinery on the rich Luzerne township farm and two pieces of jewelry

Newell A Porter immediately entered a contest Some months ago evidence was taken at a hearing Porter contended that his wife was of unsound mind and that the nature of her fatal illness was such that she could not have been in possession of her proper mental faculties four days prior to her death He also charged that undue influence was used upon her by members of the Gibson family

Much testimony was taken at that time Miles G Bulger cashier of the Second National Bank of Brownsville who wrote the will J B Ross deputy coroner and one of the witnesses together with others testified that Mrs Porter was of sound mind when she made the will The court sustained the validity of the document

# PAUL MUNK DEAD

**Son of Mr and Mrs Fred Munk Had Been Ill Long Time.**

Paul Joseph Munk 18 years old died Sunday at the family residence in North Pittsburg street following a lingering illness Funeral from the house Wednesday morning at 8 30 o clock Requiem high mass will be solemnized at the Immaculate Conception Church Interment in St Joseph s cemetery

Deceased was a son of Fred and Mary Munk He was born in Connellsville and spent all his life here He was a member of the Immaculate Conception Church and in addition to his parents is survived by the following brothers and sisters Lawrence of Homestead Arthur Frederick Milton Camilla, Josephine Helen William and Jean at home Mrs Maud Renner of Scottdale and Mrs Thomas Doyle of Baltimore

**HARD TO GET TAXES**

**South Connellsville Collector Having His Troubles Going to Law**

Legal proceedings to recover taxes will be started in a few days by Tax Collector C A Tullgrif of South Connellsville borough At a recent meeting of the South Connellsville council the tax collector reported that in many cases he is unable to make collections.

Some of the property owners he said have gone so far as to defy him and he recommended that some action be taken by the borough to assist him in the performance of his duty Council instructed Mr Tullgrif to proceed in whatever legal way he saw fit to collect the taxes

# LOCAL PRODUCE MARKET

New peaches plums, apricots cherries and cucumbers are now in the market in abundance Shipments from California are arriving daily and there is no scarcity of new fruits

Many prices of new greenstuffs have from California are arriving and advanced during the past week Beets are bringing 7 cents a dozen a peck of peas 80 cents Bermuda onions 50 cents turnips 50 cents, and rhubarb 50 cents

Creamery butter advanced one cent while country remained stationary at 28 cents Eggs continue to bring _ cents the dozen

| | |
|---|---|
| **Vegetables** | |
| Asparagus | 10@1 |
| Beets doz | 7 |
| Cabbage new lb | 0 |
| Carrots new doz | u |
| Celery bunch | 10@1 |
| Cucumbers | a 8 |
| Egg plant each | 10@1 |
| Onions new | – |
| Lettuce bunch | |
| Parsley bunch | |
| Peas new peck | 80 |
| Peppers doz | 15@_0 |
| Potatoes bushel | 7 |
| Potatoes new bushel | 1 50 |
| Onions Bermuda peck | 50 |
| Radishes bunch | |
| Turnips new doz | 50 |
| Watermellon | 60@7 |
| Rhubarb doz | 50 |
| Spinach peck | ) |
| Tomatoes lb | 10 |
| **Fruits** | |
| Apples fancy peck | 7 |
| Apples choice peck | 4 |
| Apricots doz | 1 |
| Bananas doz | 15@_0 |
| Peaches dozz | _0 |
| Grape fruit doz | $1@1 |
| Plums doz | 15 |
| Pineapple | 10@1 |
| Lemons | |
| Cantelopes Cal | 10 |
| Oranges doz | 27@ |
| Strawberries | 16 |
| Pineapples | 10@1 |
| **Butter Eggs and Cheese** | |
| Butter creamery lb | 30@ |
| Butter creamery lb | 37 |
| Butter country lb | _5 |
| Roquefort lb | 40 |
| Brickstein lb | 20 |
| Swiss block lb | 2 |
| Limberger lb | 20 |
| Eggs fresh | 2 |
| **Poultry** | |
| Hens, live lb | 23 |
| Chicks live lb | |
| Hen dressed lb | |
| **Beef Steak** | |
| Round lb | _0@3 |
| Sirloin lb | _ 4 |
| Tenderloin lb | _@_ |
| Porterhouse lb | 30 |
| **Veal** | |
| Chops lb | |
| Steak lb | _ |
| Stewing lb | 18@_0 |
| **Pork** | |
| Loin lb | 18@20 |
| Chops lb | 18@_0 |
| Steaks lb | |
| Sides lb | 15 |

# The Bank Statements.

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF CONNELLSVILLE at Connellsville in the State of Pennsylvania at the close of business June 4 1913

| RESOURCES | | |
|---|---|---|
| Loans and discounts | | $1,326 390 27 |
| Overdrafts secured and unsecured | | 1 280 14 |
| U S bonds to secure circulation | | 150 000 00 |
| Premiums on U S Bonds | | 1 600 00 |
| Bonds securities etc | | 269 603 5 |
| Banking house, furniture and fixtures | | 205 361 89 |
| Other real estate owned | | 13 3_3 17 |
| Due from National Banks (not reserve agents) | | 74 027 79 |
| Due from state and private banks and bankers trust companies, and savings banks | | 2 621 87 |
| Due from approved reserve agents | | 374 459 53 |
| Checks and other cash items | | 7 455 37 |
| Exchanges for clearing house | | 4 777 61 |
| Notes of other National Banks | | 27 115 00 |
| Fractional paper currency nickels and cents | | 367 07 |
| Lawful Money Reserve in Bank viz | | |
| Specie | $137 817 87 | |
| Legal tender notes | 7 000 00 | 144 817 87 |
| Redemption fund with U S Treasurer (5 per cent of circulation) | | 7 500 00 |
| Total | | $2 608 _ 6 03 |

| LIABILITIES | | |
|---|---|---|
| Capital stock paid in | | $ 200 000 00 |
| Surplus fund | | 100 000 00 |
| Undivided profits less expenses and taxes paid | | __8 3 |
| National Bank Notes outstanding | | 148 500 00 |
| Due to other National Banks | | _ 10 |
| Dividends unpaid | | 18 00 |
| Individual deposits subject to check | $1 914 137 50 | |
| Demand certificates of deposit | 157 185 01 | |
| Time certificates of deposit | 1 000 00 | |
| Certified checks | 1 576 | |
| Cashier's checks outstanding | 54 13 | _0,2 1 6 13 80 |
| Total | | $2 608 5_6 0_ |

State of Pennsylvania County of Fayette ss

I E T Norton Cashier of the above named bank do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief

E T NORTON Cashier

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 11th day of June 1913

J S KURTZ Notary Public

Correct—Attest:

J E FLOTO
ROBERT NORRIS
W I STAUFFER
Directors

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK at Perryopolis in the State of Pennsylvania at the close of business June 4 1913

| RESOURCES | | |
|---|---|---|
| Loans and discounts | | $_60 _8 _6 |
| Overdraft secured and unsecured | | 06 5 |
| U S Bonds to secure circulation | | 50 000 00 |
| Premiums on U S Bonds | | 1 800 00 |
| Bonds securities etc | | 55 000 00 |
| Banking house furniture and fixtures | | _ 00 00 |
| Due from National Banks (not reserve agents) | $ 360 65 | |
| Due from approved reserve agents | 181 _17_ | |
| Checks and other cash items | _9 31 | |
| Notes of other National Banks | 11 720 00 | |
| Fractional paper currency nickels and cents | 79_ _0 | |
| Lawful Money Reserve in Bank viz | | |
| Specie | 26 767 70 | |
| Legal tender notes | _780 00 | __4 479 _ |
| Redemption fund with U S Treasurer (5 per cent of circulation) | | 2 500 00 |
| Total | | $597 068 60 |

| LIABILITIES | | |
|---|---|---|
| Capital stock paid in | | $ 50 000 00 |
| Surplus fund | | 67 000 00 |
| Undivided profits less expenses and taxes paid | 13 770 73 | 1_8 770 73 |
| National Bank Notes outstanding | | 49 400 00 |
| Individual deposits subject to check | 418 _53 81 | |
| Cashier's checks outstanding | 611 06 | 418 89_ 8_ |
| Total | | $597 068 60 |

State of Pennsylvania County of Fayette ss

I Howard Adams Cashier of the above named bank do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief

HOWARD ADAMS Cashier

Correct—Attest

J L COCHRAN
CLAYTON T DAVIDSON
ALFRED M FULLER
Directors

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF DAWSON at Dawson in the State of Pennsylvania at the close of business June 4 1913

| RESOURCES | | |
|---|---|---|
| Loans and discounts | | $40_ 10 06 |
| Overdrafts secured and unsecured | | 410 71 |
| U S Bonds to secure circulation | | 50 000 00 |
| Premiums on U S Bonds | | 0 0 |
| Bonds securities etc | | _0 6_ 0 |
| Banking house furniture and fixtures | | _ 400 00 |
| Due from approved reserve agents | | 336 68 17 |
| Checks and other cash items | | 27_ 5 |
| Notes of other National Banks | | 6_ 0 00 |
| Fractional paper currency nickels and cents | | |
| Lawful Money Reserve in Bank viz | | |
| Specie | $39 356 00 | |
| Legal tender notes | 2 000 | 3_ _30 00 |
| Redemption fund with U S Treasurer (5 per cent of circulation) | | 00 00 |
| Due from U S Treasurer | | 115 00 |
| Total | | $9_ 1_5 3 |

| LIABILITIES | |
|---|---|
| Capital stock paid in | $ _ 000 00 |
| Surplus fund | 1 0 000 _ |
| Undivided profits less expenses and taxes paid | _ 49 5 |
| National Bank Notes outstanding | _0 000 00 |
| Due to other National Banks | 1 9 _ |
| Due to Trust Companies and Savings Banks | 1 _ 95 |
| Individual deposits subject to check | _1 1_ 61 |
| Cashier's checks outstanding | 38 11 |
| Total | $_ 1 5 13 |

State of Pennsylvania County of Fayette ss

I R D Henry Cashier of the above named bank do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief

R D HENRY Cashier

Subscribed and sworn to before me this _th day of June 1913

A VAN HORN Notary Public

Correct—Attest

J H PRICE
N A RIST
JOSEPH OGLEVEE
Directors

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK AT VANDERBILT at Vanderbilt in the State of Pennsylvania at the close of business June 4 1913

| RESOURCES | | |
|---|---|---|
| Loans and discounts | | $130 _ _ |
| Overdrafts secured and unsecured | | 38 54 |
| U S Bonds to secure circulation | | 2_ 000 00 |
| Bonds securities etc | | 1_0 00 |
| Banking house furniture and fixtures | | 10 000 00 |
| Due from approved reserve agents | | 17 691 28 |
| Checks and other cash items | | _8 0 |
| Notes of other National banks | | 630 00 |
| Fractional paper currency nickels and cents | | 11 _8 |
| Lawful Money Reserve in Bank viz | | |
| Specie | $_ _83 10 | |
| Legal tender notes | _010 00 | _ _ _1 |
| Redemption fund with U S Treasurer (5 per cent of circulation) | | 1 _00 00 |
| Total | | $1_ _ _6_ 41 |

| LIABILITIES | |
|---|---|
| Capital stock paid in | $ _ 000 00 |
| Surplus fund | 10 000 00 |
| Undivided profits less expenses and taxes paid | __18 3_ |
| National Bank Notes outstanding | 2_ 000 00 |
| Dividends unpaid | 36 00 |
| Individual deposits subject | |

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF YOUGH TRUST COMPANY Connellsville Fayette County Pennsylvania at the close of business June 4 1913

| RESOURCES | | |
|---|---|---|
| Cash specie and notes | $ 44 449 0_ | |
| Due from approved reserve agents | 70 670 20 | 11_ 039 40 |
| Nickels and cents | _8 62 | |
| Checks and cash items | 9 468 13 | |
| Due from banks and trust Cos not in reserve | 12 332 53 | 21 919 18 |
| Loans | | |
| Upon one name | 51 014 17 | |
| Upon two or more names | 587 410 10 | |
| Time loans with collateral | 159 630 24 | 7_8 051 _1 |
| Bonds, stocks etc | | _3 192 48 |
| Mortgages and judgments of record | | 38 _0 00 |
| Office building and lot | | _0 000 00 |
| Other real estate | | 11 193 0 |
| Furniture and fixtures | | _1 _33 0 |
| Overdrafts | | _13 7_ |
| Total | | $1 1_6 640 10 |

| LIABILITIES | |
|---|---|
| Capital stock paid in | $200 000 0 |
| Surplus fund | _ 1_0 00 |
| Undivided profits less expenses and taxes paid | 1 069 92 |
| Due to banks and trust companies not reserve agents | 3_4 06 |
| Deposits subject to check ... | [illegible] |
| Deposits savings fund | 501 119 _ |
| Treasurers and certified checks outstanding | 9 _9 _ |
| Total deposits | 906 5 _4_ |
| Total | $1 116 640 40 |
| Amount of trust funds uninvested | 917 83 |

State of Pennsylvania County of Fayette ss

I J E Floto Treasurer of the above named Company do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief

J E FLOTO Treasurer

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 10th day of June 1913

J S KURTZ Notary Public

Correct—Attest

E T NORTON
F _ NORRIS
W I STAUFFER
Directors

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| to check | $73 379 15 | |
| Demand certificates of deposit | 1 168 | |
| Time certificates of deposit | 62 3_3 37 | |
| Certified checks | 3 87 | |
| Cashier's checks outstanding | 819 82 | 120 _78 0_ |
| Total | | $193 _6_ 41 |

State of Pennsylvania County of Fayette ss

I W A Cosgrove Cashier of the above named bank do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief

W A COSGROVE Cashier

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 9th day of June 1913

R D McCUTCHEON Notary Public

Correct—Attest

E T NORTON
C ... 
... 
Directors

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE CITIZENS NATIONAL BANK OF CONNELLSVILLE at Connellsville in the State of Pennsylvania at the close of business June 4 1913

| RESOURCES | | |
|---|---|---|
| Loans and discounts | | $ 3_ ___ 0 |
| U S Bonds to secure circulation | | 100 000 00 |
| Other bonds to secure postal savings | | 4 00 |
| Premiums on U S Bonds | | 3 000 00 |
| Banking house furniture and fixtures | | 61 _00 00 |
| Other real estate owned | | 11 00 54 |
| Due from approved reserve agents | | 9_ 00 0_ |
| Checks and other cash items | | 1 0_ |
| Notes of other National Banks | | _ 0 00 |
| Fractional paper currency nickels and cents | | _7_ _1 |
| Lawful Money Reserve in Bank viz | | |
| Specie | $16 6_ | |
| Legal tender notes | 1 000 | [illegible] |
| Redemption fund with U S Treasurer (5 per cent of circulation) | | 0 0 0 |
| Total | | [illegible] |

| LIABILITIES | |
|---|---|
| Capital stock paid in | [illegible] |
| Surplus fund | [illegible] |
| Undivided profits less expenses and taxes paid | [illegible] |
| National Bank Notes outstanding | [illegible] |
| Dividends unpaid | [illegible] |
| Individual deposits subject to check | [illegible] |
| Demand certificates of deposit | [illegible] |
| Certified checks | [illegible] |
| Cashier's checks outstanding | [illegible] |
| United States deposits | [illegible] |
| Postal savings deposits | [illegible] |
| Total | $563 _ _ _ |

State of Pennsylvania County of Fayette ss

I James L. Kurtz, Cashier of the above named bank do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief

JAMES L KURTZ Cashier

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 10th day of June 1913

J L KURTZ Notary Public

Correct—Attest

J _ HENDERSON
J A KAHL
J S MATTHEWS
Directors

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE UNION NATIONAL BANK at Connellsville in the State of Pennsylvania at the close of business June 4 1913

| RESOURCES | | |
|---|---|---|
| Loans and discounts | | $185 531 5 |
| Overdrafts secured and unsecured | | 1 113 81 |
| U S Bonds to secure circulation | | 0 000 00 |
| Premiums on U S Bonds | | 1_ _40 00 |
| Banking house furniture and fixtures | | 34 203 00 |
| Due from approved reserve agents | | 31 697 28 |
| Checks and other cash items | | 2 953 _ |
| Notes of other National Banks | | 3 235 00 |
| Fractional paper currency nickels and cents | | 457 63 |
| Lawful Money Reserve in Bank viz | | |
| Specie | $13 937 _0 | |
| Legal tender notes | 560 00 | 14 497 0 |
| Redemption fund with U S Treasurer (5 per cent of circulation) | | 2 500 00 |
| Total | | $345 9_1 75 |

| LIABILITIES | |
|---|---|
| Capital stock paid in | $ 50 000 00 |
| Surplus fund | 37 000 00 |
| Undivided profits less expenses and taxes paid | 4 487 _ |
| National Bank Notes outstanding | 50 000 00 |
| Individual deposits subject to check | 199 065 |
| Time certificates of deposit | 5 1_5 _ |
| Cashier's checks | _9 75 |
| Total | $345,921 75 |

State of Pennsylvania County of Fayette ss

I Jas C Long Cashier of the above named bank do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief

JAS C LONG Cashier

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 10th day of June 1913

WM S _ Notary Public

Correct—Attest

WM FOWLIN
K LONG
LLOYD JOHNSTON
Director

**Attorney-at-Law**

GEORGE V HOSACK ATTORNEY-at-Law Office Suite 1109 Park Building Pittsburg, Pa. Telephone 1942. 1jan03

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# MUNICIPAL LEAGUE PUTS SKIDS UNDER PARTY SCHEMERS

### Ambitious Politicians are Given a Rude Jolt by the Members.

### NOT TO BE THE TAIL OF A KITE

**W. S Behanna is Chosen President When Robert Norris Declines to Accept, Past Political Records of New Members Will Be Scanned**

The Connellsville Municipal League Friday quietly put the skids under any ambitions that might be nourished in certain quarters to use the organization for political ends The leaguers decided that politics should be a minor issue the real object being to uplift and that professional politicians are not welcome. A membership committee of five will be appointed at the meeting next Friday to scrutinize the past political record of applicants for membership Dues were fixed at one dollar a year

Robert Norris refused to accept the leadership At the conference held with E C Higbee J D Porter F A Graham and W D McGinnis at the latter's home on Sunday Mr Norris said he would consider the matter and probably accept providing he could be assured the earnest support of the best citizens of the town Circumstances prevented any of the committee from attending last night's meeting but over the telephone Mr Norris announced that he would not assume charge The meeting lost no time in choosing W S Behanna permanent head of the movement The name of Rev J L Proudfit was suggested and Mr Behanna announced that he would retire if Mr Proudfit could be persuaded to accept

Previous to the meeting which was delayed because the Chamber of Commerce rooms were not open at the appointed hour curbstone discussions were held The charter was generally endorsed for its attitude towards the organization Members declared that if good is to be accomplished partisan politics must be eliminated

Secretary F T Bert of the Y M C A originator of the civic league movement offered the resolution calling for a membership committee He said that every organization requires a certain standard for membership J Fred Kurtz opposed the motion suggesting that the best results might not be possible if membership is made too exclusive He questioned the propriety of the civic leaguers assuming a holier than thou attitude

President Behanna left no doubt as to his idea of the league's policy in his conditional acceptance speech

This movement consists he said insofar as the public is concerned of only the men who are right Every man who is no right before the public is a detriment to the league Efforts have been made to make this league a political organization It was never intended by its organizers to be such This is the Connellsville Municipal League formed to make the town clean physically and morally and of necessity politically It is not to be the tail of any man's political kite It certainly will never become so if I can help it

Behanna was loudly applauded Secretary Bert later followed him declaring that the civic league originated with him He had no idea, he said of having a political party formed there already being five in the town an ample number

I believe there is more danger in the common house fly than in the wet nurses or politicians said to be connected with the league I believe there is more danger in the polluted dust of the streets than from rotten politics and I believe there is more danger to our young men from the street walkers who infest this town than from rotten politicians No matter what form of government his city is to have there is work here for us

Mr Kurtz prior to the election of Behanna counseled delay in organizing permanently He expressed the belief that Connellsville may not be able to accept commission form of government even if the bill is approved according to certain provisions contained in the measure which conflict he said he had been informed with the decision of Judge Van Swearingen two years ago He suggested that a larger body be assembled before proceeding with a definite organization

Other members declared in favor of going ahead with the organization and losing no more time and their views prevailed The league will meet again next Friday night. It is understood that politics and politicians are to be kept in the background if not entirely excluded

Several members who attended former meetings were not present. Attorney E C Higbee who has been one of the guiding spirits went to Waynesburg yesterday and missed connections in Uniontown He could not be on hand F R Graham was out of town on business and J D Porter was detained at his home because of sickness in the family John Duggan was seen in the neighborhood earlier in the evening but was not at the meeting W D McGinnis was at a nearby hotel when the members finally assembled but came no nearer Because the Chamber of Commerce rooms were not open at the appointed time several members who intended to attend became impatient and left.

### KILLS 140 SNAKES

**West Penn Employe Finds Lots of Them Near Wheeling**

James Brundage a Connellsville man employed by the West Penn on the high tension work around Steubenville and the West Virginia panhandle was in town Thursday with the biggest snake story of the season

Snake stories have been somewhat shy this year but Brundage makes up for it by bringing along a good one He told of killing 140 snakes while the force was stringing wires in that neighborhood.

# U. S. DISTRICT ATTORNEYSHIP TAKEN OUT OF POLITICS

**Attorney General McReynolds Will Name the Successor to John H Jordan.**

WASHINGTON June 13—In appointing United States district attorneys, President Wilson will not consult political leaders but act upon the endorsement of Attorney General McReynolds is the information from the department of justice given to Pennsylvania Democratic politicians endeavoring to name the successor to J H Jordan at Pittsburg Several Democratic lawyers are candidates including former Representative Curtis H Gregg, E Lowry Humes and H H Wilson

Attorney General McReynolds has informed the Democratic leaders in Pennsylvania they need not expect an appointment upon political considerations but that the administration desired a lawyer of experience and ability and he would send to the President the name of the man who would succeed District Attorney Jordan

The appointment of a collector of internal revenue at Pittsburg may be delayed indefinitely The officials here have been advised of the charges before the Pennsylvania Legislature against Judge R D Umbel and Bruce F Sterling chairman of the Democratic County Committee

Sterling is the principal supporter of C G Lewellyn of Brownsville for collector He was in Washington yesterday and insists that Lewellyn will be appointed Friends of John P Bracken of Carnegie have enlisted strong support in his behalf and his appointment will not surprise the Pennsylvanians here

### MORTALITY STATISTICS

**Connellsville Death Rate in 1911 was 14 2 Per Thousand**

Interesting figures of local interest are contained in the Census Department on Mortality Statistics for 1911 just issued The mortality rate for Connellsville is 14 – for each 1 000 population Uniontown makes a slightly better showing with a rate of 13 1 but Greensburg ranks much lower its rate being 10

During the year for which the report was taken there were 179 deaths from all causes in Connellsville 217 in Uniontown and 208 in Greensburg Of the deaths in Connellsville 179 were white persons and 10 colored Uniontown had 190 white persons to die against 27 negroes while Greensburg had but four negroes to 204 whites The greater number of deaths in Connellsville were between the ages of two and five years the greater number in Uniontown were under one year and Greensburg's largest number were between 40 and 61 years old

By ages the deaths are classified as follows

| | Connellsville | Uniontown | Greensburg |
|---|---|---|---|
| Under 1 year | 34 | 40 | 26 |
| 1 year | 3 | 11 | 2 |
| Under 5 years | 40 | 57 | 33 |
| 5 to 9 years | 6 | 4 | 2 |
| 10 to 14 years | 6 | 3 | 6 |
| 15 to 19 years | 15 | 13 | 9 |
| 20 to 24 years | 9 | 13 | 18 |
| 25 to 34 years | 28 | 39 | 34 |
| 35 to 44 years | 20 | 32 | 29 |
| 45 to 64 years | 37 | 22 | 40 |
| 65 and over | 32 | 27 | 37 |

Violent deaths average high in this section The rate per 100 000 population in Connellsville was 314 6 in Uniontown 285 3 and in Greensburg 347 6

Congenital debility and malformations were the cause of 19 deaths here during 1911 There were 12 deaths from pneumonia 11 from cancer 9 from Bright's disease 8 from tuberculosis of the lungs and 7 from typhoid fever Deaths from other causes were as follows Whooping cough 1 diphtheria and croup 3 influenza 2 erysipelas 1 tubercular meningitis 3 other tubercular diseases 1 diabetes 1 meningitis 1 cerebral hemorrhage and softening 5 organic disease of the heart 7 bronchitis 7 diarrhoea (under 2 years old) 3 appendicitis 4 hernia or intestinal obstruction 1 cirhosis of the liver 3 puerperal fever 2 other puerperal diseases 1

There were 42 violent deaths 4 suicides 4 deaths from illegal operations or unknown causes and 28 deaths from other causes

### GIRL GRADUATE ELOPES

**Miss Jean Evans, Daughter of Burgess Marries Clarence McFarland**

Miss Loretta Jean Evans eldest daughter of Burgess and Mrs J L Evans eloped to Cumberland last week with Clarence Howard McFarland She was graduated from the Connellsville High School this year The bridegroom was a graduate of the 1911 class The elopement was announced in a telegram received last evening by the bride's parents

The pair became acquainted in high school McFarland is a son of the late Minor McFarland of Uniontown but lately spent the greater part of his time with his uncle John McFarland proprietor of the Wyman Hotel

Following their marriage in Cumberland the pair went to Grafton W Va to visit Mr and Mrs Edward Walters aunt and uncle of the bridegroom McFarland is about 22 years old and his wife 18

### PASSES BOGUS CHECK

**Druggist R F Lytle is Now Looking for Man Who Did It**

Druggist R F Lytle of East Main street is looking for the man who passed a bogus $5 a few days ago The check was returned with the information that no such party had an account at the bank on which the paper was drawn

The stranger purchased a hot water bag and offered the $5 check in payment It was written on a blank of the Second National Bank but not the kind found on the counters This is one reason why the druggist was not suspicious

The check was signed by William M Wood made payable to Robert Wood and endorsed by the latter Neither party is known at local banks

**Marry at Washington**

Samuel B Lynn of Ruffsdale and Miss Pearl O Adams of Mount Pleasant were married at Washington Pa on Tuesday by Rev C L McKee Mr and Mrs Lynn will reside at Ruffsdale.

# AUTOMOBILE CLUB ENLISTS 137; TO URGE GOOD ROADS

### Strong Organization is Effected in This End of County.

### COMMITTEES ARE APPOINTED

**New Club Out to Get Better Highways for the Yough Region, County Association Members Praises Work Undertaken by Men of This Section**

The Connellsville Automobile Club is now on a sound working basis At a meeting Thursday the organization was completed Committees were appointed by laws adopted and plans for road improvement discussed The meeting was held in the Chamber of Commerce rooms Forty men owners of cars or interested in the good roads movement were present. President George Munson occupied the chair

A feature of the session was the report of the membership committee which showed that 137 are now members of the club F H Rosboro a member of the Automobile Club of Fayette County asserted that this was a splendid showing in view of the fact that the club has been organized only a few weeks

The by laws were modeled after those recommended by the Pennsylvania Motor Federation The annual dues are placed at $5 Another feature provides that applicants for membership receiving two negative votes in committee shall be denied membership

Mr Rosboro spoke briefly outlining the course of work pursued by the county organization Members belonging to the latter organization he said may be transferred to the Connellsville club There are between 800 and 900 automobile owners in the county he pointed out and they should furnish sufficient members for the county seat club without those residing in Connellsville

The legislative committee was instructed to secure the names of the road supervisors of Bullskin and Upper Tyrone townships An effort will be made to have the supervisors repair the road running from Pennsville to Iron Bridge It was stated that it is in a bad condition W L Wright suggested that the club approach town council with a view to have the street at the end of the paving on Main street West Side placed in better shape

In connect on with the hill climb to be held by the Fayette County club next month Mr Rosboro stated that it was open only to owners of cars who are members of the county organization However the club intends to conduct a professional hill climb later in the season and members of the Connellsville club will be permitted to compete

C B Franks of the roads committee reported that he had interviewed Senator W E Crow relative to roads between Connellsville borough line and the stone bridge and from Connellsville to Logan's Crossing in Dunbar township and that the Senator was emphatic in the statement that the state will soon improve them Senator Crow informed Mr Franks that the money for the work has been appropriated by the legislature but that the work had been delayed on account of the illness of State Highway Commissioner E M Biglow

Committees appointed by the board of governors follow Roads C B Franks Biddle Horabeck J C Moore G A Markle and J J Evans Touring and signs William L Worl J M Grey M Aaron J Whitney Solsson and A S Silcox Legislative W D McGinnis S R Goldsmith H D Munson and R S Mathews Grievance H G May James C Munson Dr H C Hoffman D G W Gallagher J H Work and R C Beerbower Publicity P R Graham A C Stickel W W Smith C E Allebert J J Woods W L Wright and W D Sherrick Membership J L Evans A S Silcox Thomas Mills William I Work F A Tarr John Wishart and C L Work

Members of the organization as reported by the membership committee follow

| | |
|---|---|
| J L Evans | C W Beitler |
| Scott Snader | J B Woods |
| John Wishart | P O'Connor |
| W S Sherrick | T J Johnson |
| C J Albrecht | T Scott Dunn |
| Thomas Mills | L B Edie |
| V J Clark | John Duggan |
| J Aaron | C C Mitchell |
| I J Woods | J M Grey |
| A C Stickel | I L Engle |
| H T Noon | F C Beerbower |
| A R Kidd | M H Shaffer |
| A S Silcox | I C Munson |
| C S Horner | B Co |
| I A Child | V J Miller |
| S S Clark | C D Anderson |
| Wm Work | Wm Wishart |
| J H Work | J W Solsson |
| G A Munson | Miss A H Solsson |
| John Dean | J T Johnson |
| Harry Dunn | T R Francis |
| V H Solsson | Dr G W Newcomer |
| T B Bebard | A J Robacker |
| C L Work | W A Leche |
| J L Snider | Grant Dull |
| E A Tarr | J W Buttermore |
| R K Long | W J Moazko |
| E B Gulo | F L Morosky |
| F E Baker | C W Tutts |
| H L Carpenter | Oliver Goldsmith |
| J F Kerr | H L Silcox |
| F R Graham | W W Smith |
| Wm Sellers | A E Vanetta |
| E P McCormick | J C Henry |
| C B Franks | Fred Friebee |
| G A Markle | H J Bell |
| Harry Dull | H Ford |
| F W Wright | B Hornbeck |
| W L Wright | M J Rohm |
| S G Zimmerman | G H Edmunds |
| W D McGinnis | M Aaron |
| J F Kurtz | W G Brallier |
| F D Munson | J H Wilkins |
| R S Matthews | H A Riley |
| H G May | A B Kurtz |
| C W Downs | J C McClenathan |
| T J Hooper | H Welker |
| D B Evans | J C Lyle |
| W R Long | S P Goldsmith |
| F M Richey | J A McCreary |
| J D Porter | J J Dougherty |
| W J Churchill | W W Palmer |
| J M Young | F A Risbeck |
| S M Grimm | H B Workman |
| H C Hoffman | E J Carroll |
| E J Hooper | W J Bailey |
| J G Gorman | W H Cochran |
| J E Sims | J C Moore |
| E M Hoffman | C E Wilson |
| A. Hager | |

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|---|---|
| F C Rose | C W Barricklow |
| A J Buttermore | J W Upholzer |
| A A Clark | H A Porter |
| W W Glotfelty | A C Herwick |
| E A McCombs | A H Kerr |
| J J Enos | John Trader |
| G W Gallagher | H A Glotfelty |
| Connellsville Steam Laundry Co | G W Newcomer |
| | K Kramer |

### WOMAN RECOMMENDED FOR RURAL FREE DELIVERY ROUTE

**Mrs Lydia Fisher is Learning the Ways of No 26 and May Get the Appointment**

Mrs Lydia Fisher a pretty young woman is the first of her sex to try to deliver mail from the Connellsville postoffice Although Mrs Fisher is at present learning the various duties of a route her application as substitute has not been accepted by the department Acceptance however is believed to be a matter of only a few days

When Carrier A W Weimer of rural route No 26 learned that his substitute carrier John C Stillwagon intended to resign he sought to find a successor Mrs Fisher applied for the position and Weimer recommended her to Postmaster Kurtz The postmaster has taken the matter up with Washington

As Weimer expects to go on his vacation before the latter part of this month the time will be too short for the department to select a mail carrier for the position and her appointment will probably be ratified

Route 26 is 20 miles long and includes the towns of Vanderbilt Leisenring Trotter and Worrell

### BUTTERMORE-PORTER

**Pretty Home Wedding is Celebrated Here Last Night**

A pretty home wedding was that of Miss Gladys Pauline Buttermore daughter of Mr and Mrs W L Buttermore and Kennedy B Porter of Fairchance solemnized last Wednesday at 8 o'clock at home of the bride North Pittsburg street in the presence of about 75 guests The impressive ring ceremony was performed by Rev D C Wolf pastor of the First Methodist Episcopal Church of which the bride is a member The bride wore a gown of white chiffon batiste handsomely trimmed with Irish lace and carried a shower bouquet of white roses Her maid of honor Miss Lena Hetrel wore a white gown and carried an armful of pink roses Alex and Porter of Dunbar a brother of the bridegroom served as best man As the bridal party entered the parlor where the ceremony was performed the bridal chorus from Lohengrin was played by Miss Anna Pebecca Myers Following the ceremony a well appointed wedding dinner was served Bouquets of roses were used in decorating

The bride was graduated from the Connellsville High School and last year was a teacher of the fourth grade in the Second ward school She also taught several terms at Dunbar She was popular among her many young friends The bridegroom is a son of Mrs Margaret Porter of Dunbar and is Baltimore & Ohio ticket agent at Fairchance The wedding gifts were many and handsome Mr and Mrs Porter left last night for a wedding trip to Atlantic City New York and other Eastern cities Among the out of town guests were Mr and Mrs Harry Porter of Scottdale Mr and Mrs Albert Nash and Mr and Mrs A C Loomis of Mount Pleasant Mr and Mrs John Buttermore of Uniontown Mrs Margaret Porter Miss Porter and George Porter of Dunbar

### IMPROVING THE PIKE

**State Highway Department Begins Work on Somerset Stretch**

Special to The Courier

SOMERSET June 12—State Road Superintendent Gilbert S Endsley yesterday started a force of men to work improving the Bedford Mount Pleasant turnpike between Somerset and the Somerset Fayette county line on the summit of the Laurel Hill mountains The work will be rushed and within a month Superintendent Endsley expects to have it in fairly good condition for automobile traffic

The pike will carry many motor parties to the Gettysburg semi centennial next month it is expected The Mount Pleasant half of the highway was greatly improved last summer by the state highway department assisted by the Pike Run Country Club and when the section line in Somerset County is improved a direct route suitable for automobile travel will be provided from Mount Pleasant to Bedford

Many autoists will probably use the pike as it provides a change of scene from the Bedford Dgonier pike and a splendid view of the White Horse landscape

### DR. DIXON COMPLAINS

**Tells Health Board to Investigate New Mayer Avenue Sewer**

State Commissioner of Health Samuel G Dixon has notified Secretary V E Hood of the Board of Health that the attention of the department has been called to an alleged nuisance on Newmyer avenue at the intersection of Lieding street due principally to the clogged condition of the sewer in that vicinity

Acc ding to the commissioners information the sewer is inadequate to properly carry the water away during a rainstorm resulting not only surface waters collecting in a depression here but drainage from a large residence section as well thereby giving rise to conditions which are considered a menace to public health The board will take the matter up with town council

**Asks a Divorce**

UNIONTOWN June 14—Lilly M Richter today entered suit for divorce from Robert D Richter on the grounds of desertion They were married in Normalville in 1907 and lived in Springfield and Bullskin township and Connellsville

**Minister Will Marry**

The marriage of Rev R G Manley of New Salem and Miss Ellen F Leonard of Ohiopyle will take place Saturday evening June 24 at the New Salem Christian Church.

**The Weekly Courier, $1 00 a year.**


# The Western Maryland Lines In Connection With the New York Central Lines

Will commence the operation of Eastbound and West bound daily limited trains between Baltimore and Chicago,

**SUNDAY, JUNE 15th, 1913.**

Westbound Train No 3 known as **CHICAGO LIMITED** will leave Baltimore, daily, 9 30 A M., Connellsville 5 55 P M, arriving Pittsburgh 7.30 P. M, Chicago 7.59 A. M. Eastbound Train No 2 known as **BALTIMORE LIMITED** leaves Chicago, daily, 8 20 P M (Central Time) Pittsburgh 9 00 A M (Eastern Time) arriving Connellsville 10.35 A M and Baltimore 7 00 P. M.

These trains will carry, in addition to regular standard electric lighted day coaches, Standard Steel Pullman Sleepers and Cafe Observation Parlor Cars The particular attention of the public is called to this high class service, and careful attention will be given to requests for Pullman space


# CLARK THIRD CLASS CITY BILL GIVES COMMISSION WIDE POWER

### Mayor and Four Councilmen Have Complete Management and Control of Municipal Affairs.

The Clark commission government bill for third class cities is now up to Governor Tener That there is a possibility that he will not approve the measure is indicated in the appeal being sent to chambers of commerce and other commercial organizations by the Municipal Government Study Commission Association urging that the Governor be urged to sign the measure The bill has not yet reached the Governor and may not be acted upon for a week or more

The Clark act vests the legislative power of every city of the third class in a council composed of the mayor and four councilmen to have and possess all powers heretofore conferred by law on the select and common councils of such cities The corporate powers of the cities themselves remain the same as under the old laws The mayor shall be president of council

Except where otherwise provided in the act the terms of councilmen and all other city and ward officers shall begin the first Monday of January Councilmen and mayors elected in November of this year shall take office the first Monday of December Mayors treasurers controllers solicitors engineers assessors and clerks of cities now in office shall serve out the terms for which they were elected but the terms of select and common councilmen and other officers not enumerated above shall cease on the first Monday of December of this year

Mayors and councilmen shall be at least 25 years of age and shall have been residents of the city for a year before election They are to be elected at large The term of the mayor is four years and of the four councilmen two years The mayor is not to have the right to vote except in case of a tie vote of the council but he is to have an equal vote with the four other members Three members shall constitute a quorum Council is to hold regular meetings once a month and special meetings on call of two members All meetings are to be public The mayor and clerk are required to sign all ordinances and they become effective 10 days thereafter A summarized statement of receipts and expenditures and the condition of the city debt is to be printed annually

Councilmen are to be paid salaries of not less than $200 nor more than $2 000 a year The act fixes the salaries of the councilmen to be elected this year as follows Cities of 15 000 population or under $300 each between 15 000 and 20 000 $750 between 20 000 and 50 000 and 50 000 to 70 000 between 50 000 and 70 000 $2 00 over 70 000 $3 000 These salaries are fixed only for the first set of councilmen Each council may subsequently fix the salaries of its successors within the minimum and maximum above mentioned It is also to fix the pay of other city officers and employes

The mayor is to be superintendent of the department of public affairs and the four other councilmen are to be superintendents of the department of accounts and finance the department of public safety the department of streets and public improvements and the department of parks and public property The mayor is to be the chief executive magistrate of the city charged with the execution of the ordinances and armed with the police powers of a sheriff and the criminal jurisdiction of an alderman Council is to make all appointments of subordinate employes of the city The police force is to be directly under the control of the mayor subject to the rules and regulations of council The member of council designated by it to act as superintendent of the department of accounts and finance is to be vice president of council and acting mayor of the city during the mayor's absence The mayor may designate an alderman to preside over the police court.

Council shall fix the salary of the mayor at not less than $ 00 nor more than $3 000 a year The act prescribes the salaries of the mayors first elected under its provisions as follows In cities of 15 000 population and less $600 between 15 000 and 20 000 $1 -00 between 20 000 and 50 000 $2 000 between 50 000 and 70 000 $3 000

Council is to elect a city treasurer for two years a city solicitor for two years a city engineer for two years and a city clerk for a term to be fixed by council at not more than four years and council is to determine the salaries of the officers Council may appoint a board of health or service itself The people elect a constable for a term of four years

The mayor and members of council are to be nominated and elected in non partisan ballots Any qualified registered voter may become candidate by filing with the county commissioners three weeks before the primaries a petition signed by 20 qualified registered voters The county commissioners are to provide ballots for the primaries with the names of the candidates under the titles of the offices to which they aspire arranged in order determined by the drawings of lots there being nothing on the ballot to indicate the political party affiliation of any candidate The candidates receiving the highest number of votes up to double the number of offices to be elected at the subsequent general election will be one the nominees That is the primary election will reduce the number of candidates for mayor to two and the number of candidates for the four council places to eight and these will be the nominee to be voted for at the general election except that the usual blank spaces will be provided on the ballot where the voter may designate the name of any other eligible citizen by writing or sticker

Council shall each year elect a city assessor who must be an owner of real estate and a resident of the city for five years He shall be provided with such assistants as are necessary and shall make a triennial assessment of real estate with corrections and additions during the interim The mayor and council shall constitute a board of revision of taxes and appeals with authority to hear and determine appeals and to revise or equalize assessments

The act provides for the initiative and referendum with regard to city ordinances The initiative is to operate as follows Upon the written request of 100 qualified electors the city clerk shall prepare within ten days a petition in behalf of a proposed ordinance and this petition shall be open at the clerk's office for signature for ten days the fact having been officially advertised If the petition be signed by 10 per cent of the voters computed on the last preceding election for mayor council shall either pass the ordinance within 20 days or call a special election and submit the ordinance to the decision of the people at the polls It approved by a majority of those voting the ordinance shall become effective and cannot be repealed or amended within two years except by a vote of the people

Similarly 20 per cent of the voters may require that an ordinance adopted by council shall be reconsidered or submitted to the vote of the people In case the ordinance involves the granting of a public franchise 30 days time shall be allowed for preparing the petition for a referendum instead of ten days The right of the referendum shall not apply as to ordinances for the immediate preservation of the public health or safety nor to any tax levy or any annual appropriation ordinance or ordinance providing for the exercise of eminent domain The initiative and referendum are not to be used prior to January 1 1914

# WEST PENN INVADES OHIO AND WEST VA. WITH POWER LINES

### High Tension Wires Will be in Service Within a Month.

### TO CONNECT ITS THREE PLANTS

**Weirton New Steel Town to Use Electricity From the Coke Region and Many Other Towns Will be Supplied Big Undertaking, Nearing End**

Within 30 days power from the large Connellsville plant of the West Penn will be used in West Virginia and Ohio for the operation of street cars the lighting of business places and dwellings heating and other uses to which electricity is employed During the last five months men under the supervision of Superintendent of Line Construction W M Rogers have been constructing high tension lines connecting the Connellsville plant with nearly a score of towns in West Virginia and Ohio and it is expected that the construction work will be finished within four weeks

The power to be transmitted from here will be taken to McDonald to Weirton the new mill town to Wellsburg and thence across the Ohio river to connect with Brilliant Not only will the Connellsville plant be tapped to furnish electricity to this large territory but the Washington and Brilliant plants will also be used

With the completion of the line the three plants of the West Penn system will be connected for the first time At present each plant furnishes power for its own territory but with the new system in operation if an accident similar to the one that occurred here recently was repeated the other power houses will be called on in the emergency

This is the first venture of the West Penn in constructing lines across the state border The plants owned by the company in West Virginia and Ohio have been and are operating under different names The West Penn name has not yet been adopted

Besides the connection with the Brilliant and Washington plants Connellsville will be in direct touch with the Wheeling division The large power house in the West Virginia city furnishes power to a wide expanse of territory Power transmitted from here will be taken on high tension wires some of the largest erected by the company in recent years These wires will cross the Pennsylvania state line at Paris

West Penn linemen are also at work in the vicinity of Jacobs Creek and Smithton establishing a connection in that direction between McKeesport and the coke region Intermediate towns will be supplied with electricity

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# SECOND RAILROAD ACROSS CONTINENT NEARS COMPLETION

### Canadian Northern's Coast-to-Coast System Will be Finished January 1.

### SO SIR DONALD MANN PREDICTS

**Stupendous Construction Records are Demanded if Rails are to Be Placed in Time Specified, Financing is Being Done by Sir William Mackenzie**

The announcement that the rails of the Canadian Northern transcontinental system will have been laid from the Atlantic to the Pacific by New Years next completing a second transcontinental system, calls for some stupendous construction records. The contracts call for completion of the remaining big links in the system one in the Rocky mountains and one north of Lake Superior by October next but Sir Donald Mann's statement is that rails will be laid by January 1, notwithstanding all that means

Sir William Mackenzie is in Europe completing the arrangements for the refinancing of the various integral factors in the Mackenzie and Mann system preparatory to the concluding chapter in the achievement which represents the investment of nearly a quarter billion dollars or will when the construction and terminals are completed in accordance with the plans. His is the main has been the task of financing but Mann's has been chiefly the equally prodigious task of driving forward construction work on main line and branches at the rate of a mile per day during the last 11 years—the average gait at which the rails have advanced

There are minor gaps in the great main artery and ganglia of branches which will make the completed whole of the present plans Those at the west end and middle are the major ones and to close them to bridge the mountain chasms and drive tunnels through the mountain rock and to cross the height of land north of Lake Superior there are now at work ten regiments of men with whole droves of horses and batteries of steam shovels and other heavy machinery for rushing right of way making There are extensions to prairie province branches under way and connecting lines, but when the years work is done main line and branches will be practically completed for business from St John New Brunswick to Vancouver British Columbia a great co-ordinated system of nearly 7 000 miles of line every mile of which has been made to pay its way from the first day that it was opened That is the way the system has been built for the builders Mackenzie and Mann began life under the spur of dire necessity The made each step prove their right to take the next one and they found and held with a banis of loyalty a financial and public following which has enabled them to defy the railroad power of Canada which a few years ago was lord of all its surveyed

The transcontinental system which now is known as the Canadian Northern had its beginning in 1896 when this pair who have been called the composite Cecil Rhodes of Canada built a hundred miles of railroad from one village to another in Manitoba from Gladstone to Dauphin But with a month or so the two had secured control of 200 miles of road built in Canada by the Northern Pacific and in a year or two more they had rails laid to the head of Lake and rail navigation of the Great Lakes Port Arthur where today stand the biggest grain elevator in the world of 10 000 000 bushels capacity

One line and another has been pushed forward always pioneering in virgin prairie districts which soon were well settled and pouring forth streams of grain in crop season at a rate that has kept the earnings jumping upward a astonishing rate While there had been but bare prairie a few years before there were in 1910 463 shipping points on the Canadian Northern the number has nearly doubled since then and the new lines through British Columbia and along the height of land will add to this and stations by the score

There are many collateral developments that have accompanied the building of the railroad system It was the line built by the Canadian Northern which tapped the region then deserted as Robinson Crusoe's island where now the Moose Mountain iron mine is supplying ores for enormous pig iron smelters in Toronto and other cities It was the line built to Port Arthur by the Canadian Northern which opened another iron ore range north of Port Arthur and gave that city new life new industries and a sudden increase of population There are coal districts in Alberta opened by the road and it is said that the water power along the Fraser which now is to be developed by Makenzie and Mann interests is so great that hydro electric power there created will be sold later in the United States

At Montreal a city back of Mount Royal was studied when as a means of gaining entrance into the heart of the old city a tunnel was driven through the mountain the cost of which with the other terminal investments it is said will total $25 000 000 but will be repaid by the profits of the new values in the melon patches which the magic of quick transportation is transforming into a model city of homes

The Quebec lines of the system traverse a farming pulp wood and lumbering region and the lines still further east have been prepared for the transcontinental period It is said that the Canadian Northern controls in Nova Scotia more mileage than any other system The first thought of the builders was of the fertile west and its possibilities which they believed in and which has vindicated their belief by traffic figures which gained 32 per cent in one year, that of 1911

## RICH IN GOLD AND SILVER

**Helena Mining Region in Montana Has Produced $150 000,000**

A report recently issued by the United States Geological Survey describes the geology and ore deposits of several of Montana's oldest and best known camps which have contributed at least $150 000 000 in gold, silver, and lead to the world's wealth

The first important find of metallic wealth in Montana was the discovery of placer gold at Bannock in 1862 In the following year the far greater discovery at Alder Gulch was made and from this stream was taken within the next three years $30 000 000 The extraordinary richness of these placers immediately attracted a large population and so strong was the influx that within 18 months a town of 10 000 people sprang up which was named Virginia City Alder creek was the longest and most productive creek ever discovered in Montana 20 miles of stream bed comprising about 1 000 claims were worked and yielded a profit at a time when wages were from $10 to $14 a day

Montana was soon overspread by eager prospectors, and in the next few years all the important placers were discovered Last Chance on the present site of Helena, the capital of Montana, was located in the summer of 1864 The Whitlach Union vein carrying rich gold ore was found a few miles south of Helena in September of the same year Lode and placer discovery were thus contemporaneous The finding of gold in place caused a quartz excitement which stimulated prospecting all over the Territory

The Survey report, issued as Bulletin 527 Ore Deposits of the Helena Mining Region Montana by Adolph Knopf covers an area of 1 300 square miles in southwestern Montana, comprising the southern part of Lewis and Clark County the northern part of Jefferson County and the southeastern part of Powell County It includes the Elkhorn Marysville Ellistion Rimini Helna, Clancy Wickes and the Boulder and Basin mining districts

The Continental Divide at an average elevation of 7 000 feet traverses the western part of the area shown on the geologic map which accompanies the report The highest peak Red Mountain 14 miles southwest of Helena is 8 200 feet above sea level The region has a considerable and abrupt relief but is characterized by smoothly rounded hills Boulder river is the largest stream in the region, thence Missouri river crosses the extreme northeast corner of the area

The Helena region is at the north end of what is known as the Boulder batholith an immense mass of granite which was thrust into sedimentary and igneous rocks The older rocks are mainly limestones shales and quartzites overlain by immense deposits of volcanic flows and breccia Into this series of rocks which was at least 6 300 feet thick the liquid granitic rock forced its way upward The granitoid rock locally called granite but in fact a true quartz monzonite now underlies the larger part of the Helena mining region After a considerable time the region was again in the sit of volcanism and lavas aggregating 400 feet in thickness were poured out upon the eroded surface of the older formations

The ore deposits according to Mr Knopf fall into two distinct groups in point of age The older deposits clearly related to the intrusion of the quartz monzonite are mainly productive of silver lead and gold silver ore and have yielded three fourths of the wealth of the district These deposits are commonly located near the granite contact either in the granite or in the older andesitic rocks They are replacement lodes carrying galena sphalerite pyrite and arsenopyrite and are commonly associated with the valuable gangue tourmaline This mineral is associated with the tin lodges of Cornwall England The association of tourmaline with lead silver ores has never been described before and is in fact most remarkable Its presence together with other evidence given in the report shows that the ores must have been formed at very high temperatures and probably at a considerable depth below the surface

The younger deposits are closely associated with the latest flows and are essentially precious metal deposits in fine grained porcelain like quartz and calcite These veins were exceptionally rich at the surface but are barren at depths greater than 1 000 feet

Many details of the mines and a discussion of the remarkable tourmaline lead silver deposits are included in the report Bulletin 527 which can be obtained free by addressing a request to the Director U S Geological Survey Washington D C

## BUILDING A CUTOFF

**New Norfolk & Western Inc Benefits Clinch Valley**

The Norfolk & Western has built a 44 mile cutoff from Iaeger W Va to Graham Va Thirty miles of this had been in operation for some time as a branch but the construction of an additional 14 miles completed the line

The Clinch valley operators are given an outlet to the West from which they have been practically shut out because of the long haul to the railroad's main line The Berwind White company also get the benefit of a shorter line to tidewater the saving being something like 30 miles Many operators will have the benefit of a much wider market

One tunnel a mile long and four shorter ones formed serious construction obstacles the railroad found it necessary to overcome

## MORE IDLE CARS

**Number, However is Only Half That of a Year Ago**

The report of the American Railway Association dated May 22 and covering the fortnight ending May 15 shows a total of 61 269 idle cars as compared with 83 977 cars two weeks before This is an increase of 7 2 in number not in use thus changing the course of previous reports

The number of idle cars is just about half what it was a year ago the number then standing at 123 683

**To Pay Twice Monthly**

The Berwin White Coal Mining Company will soon adopt the semi monthly pay system in its Windber field The employes will be paid every first and third Wednesday.

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### FIRST TRAINS RUN YESTERDAY

**Solid Vestibuled Passenger Equipment Makes Daily Run in Each Direction With No Change Fast Schedule is Made on All Divisions of Roads**

Through service on the Western Maryland Pittsburg & Lake Erie railroads between Baltimore and Chicago was successfully inaugurated yesterday A fast schedule is maintained on every division and passengers for points west of Cleveland may now travel over the New York Central lines without changing cars in that city as has been necessary heretofore

Judging from the traffic on the first day of the new service the combined roads can expect liberal passenger business The eastbound train did not carry as many passengers as the one coming west which was well filled on arriving at Cumberland but railroad officials expressed themselves well satisfied with the initial showing

For the first time since the road was completed the Western Maryland is giving a fast day service over the mountains The Cumberland Connellsville division is aptly described as the scenic route Veteran travelers declare it will be hard to find a more beautiful ride anywhere than between Big Savage tunnel and Cumberland The road winds around the hills and nearly every moment passengers can watch the rails over which they have just passed and the points that they are approaching The pretty little towns of Frostburg and Mount Savage the former planted on top of the mountains and the latter nestled among the hills offer a delightful prospect to the bored traveler The Woodcock curve it is declared is fully as picturesque as the famous Horseshoe curve of the Pennsylvania railroad

Officials of both roads took a particular interest in the first days run of the new trains The schedule calls for 4 hours and 10 minutes between Pittsburg and Cumberland Of this time 2 hours and 35 minutes are between Cumberland and Connellsville and 1 hour and 35 minutes from Connellsville to Pittsburg, This last includes a five minute stop at Dickerson Run to change engines Over the mountain division the only stops are Frostburg and Meyersdale This is a fast run Between Cumberland and Pittsburg it is five minutes better than made by No 5 the New York Chicago all-steel coach train on the Baltimore & Ohio

A delegation of railroad men made the trip to Cumberland from Pittsburg yesterday The eastbound trip was a bit disappointing Fifteen minutes lost time was made up between Pittsburg and Dickerson Run and getting a flying start out of Connellsville with prospects for making up the 20 minutes the train was still behind, a rude jolt came in the form of an accident to the big passenger locomotive A broken flue caused steaming difficulty Returning the westbound train leaving Cumberland nine minutes late pulled into Connellsville right on time and arrived in Pittsburg on schedule A sleeping car and a club car are operated as part of the trains regular equipment

Assistant General Passenger Agent Wyn B Morris of the Pittsburg & Lake Erie had charge of the first train over the mountains The Western Maryland was represented by City Ticket Agent Charles Elliott of Baltimore Accompanying them were W I Brunner chief clerk to Vice President I M Schoonmaker A D Brown chief clerk to General Manager J E Yohe W G Kendle traveling passenger agent of the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern C W Cook city passenger agent of Pittsburg M K Hedlewhite traveling passenger agent and Assistant General Freight Agent T T Sadler of the Pittsburg & Lake Erie On the return trip Superintendent C A Steiner of the Western Maryland took charge of the party D G Crisp general western freight agent of the Western Maryland went west from Baltimore

The Western Maryland is getting considerable passenger business out of Connellsville The veteran soldiers of them will go to Gettysburg, in a special car attached to the new train on June 30 The Uniontown delegation may also arrange the same route

**BIG IMPROVEMENTS**

**Pennsy to Spend $12 000 000 on Baltimore Terminal**

Extensive terminal construction at Baltimore will be undertaken by the Pennsylvania railroad Additional main tracks will be laid to facilitate the handling of through traffic and a four track connection between the Union station and the Calvert street station is in view

The Calvert street station is to be abandoned for passenger uses New freight facilities will be erected and other big work undertaken The project has been approved by the city authorities

**Vista Poland Plant.**

The new Poland coke plant in Greene county is progressing rapidly to completion Julian Kennedy the head of the company made a visit of inspection this week He was accompanied by a party of Pittsburg people composed of the following Mrs Julian Kennedy J W Kennedy R C Crawford Thomas L Doyle S G Cooper S J Taylor and L T Hartland


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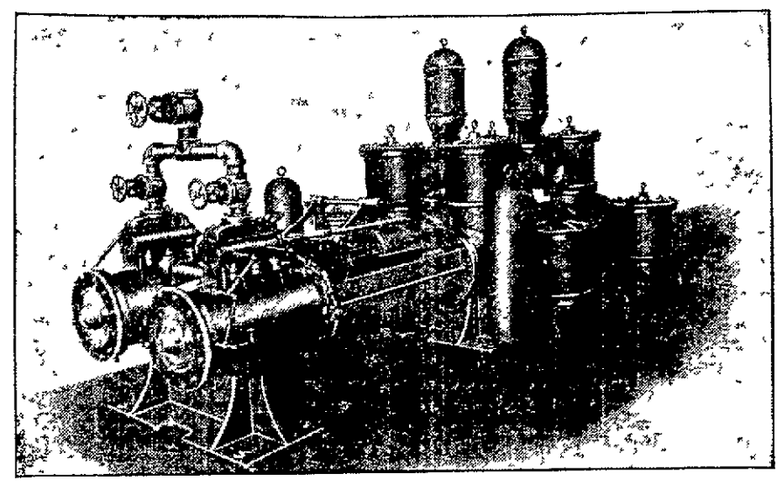
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